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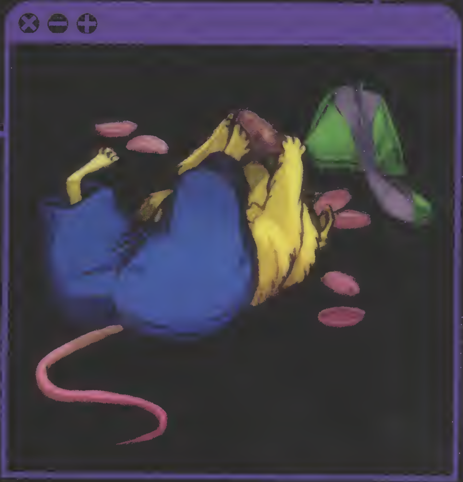

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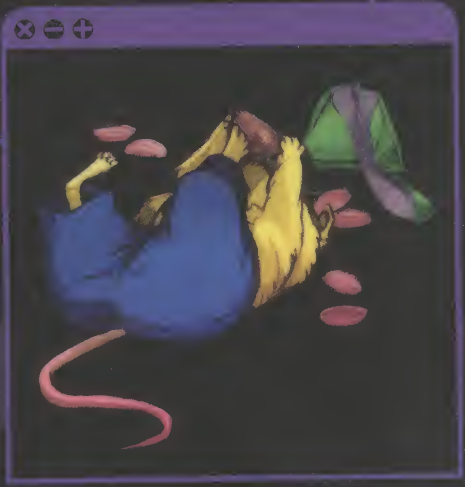

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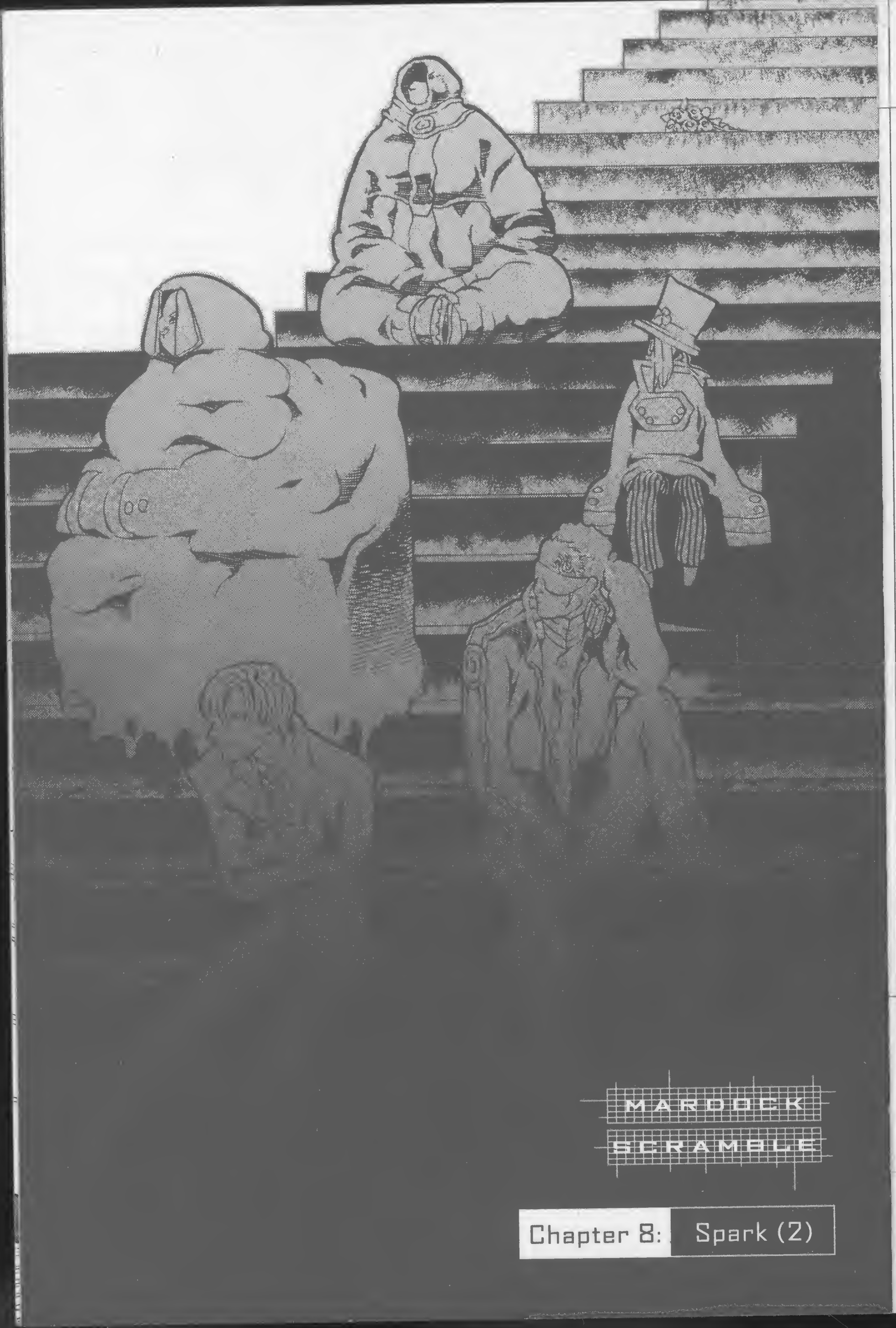
AUTHORS' NOTES

This 3rd volume is action packed. The quality of the manga versus the novel is so good I'm starting to feel the pressure! I won't lose!

-Creator
Tow Ubukata

My editor told me to write this volume without worrying if it would sell. It was so fun I was disappointed when I was finished!

-Manga adaptation
Yoshitoki Oima



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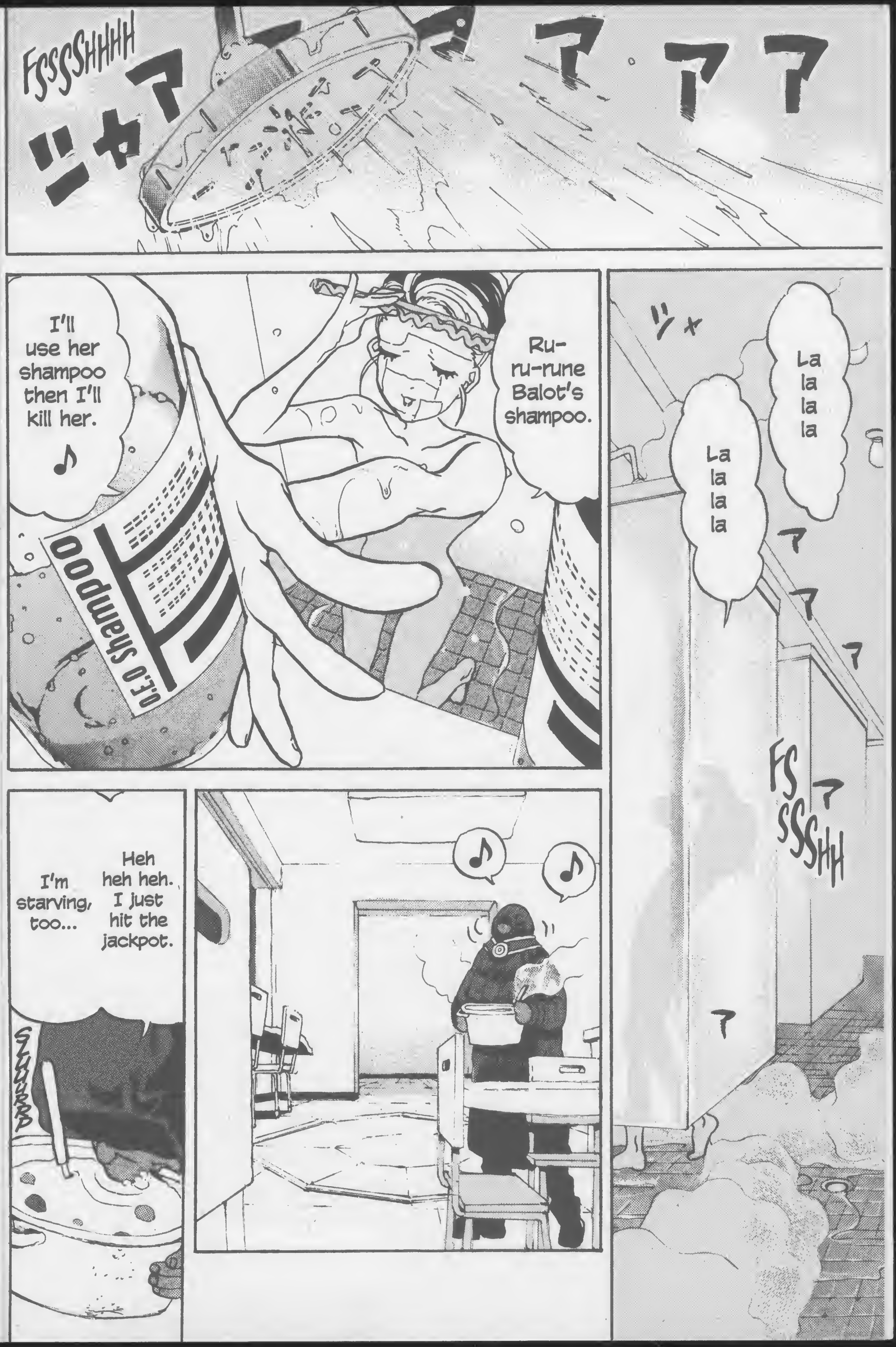
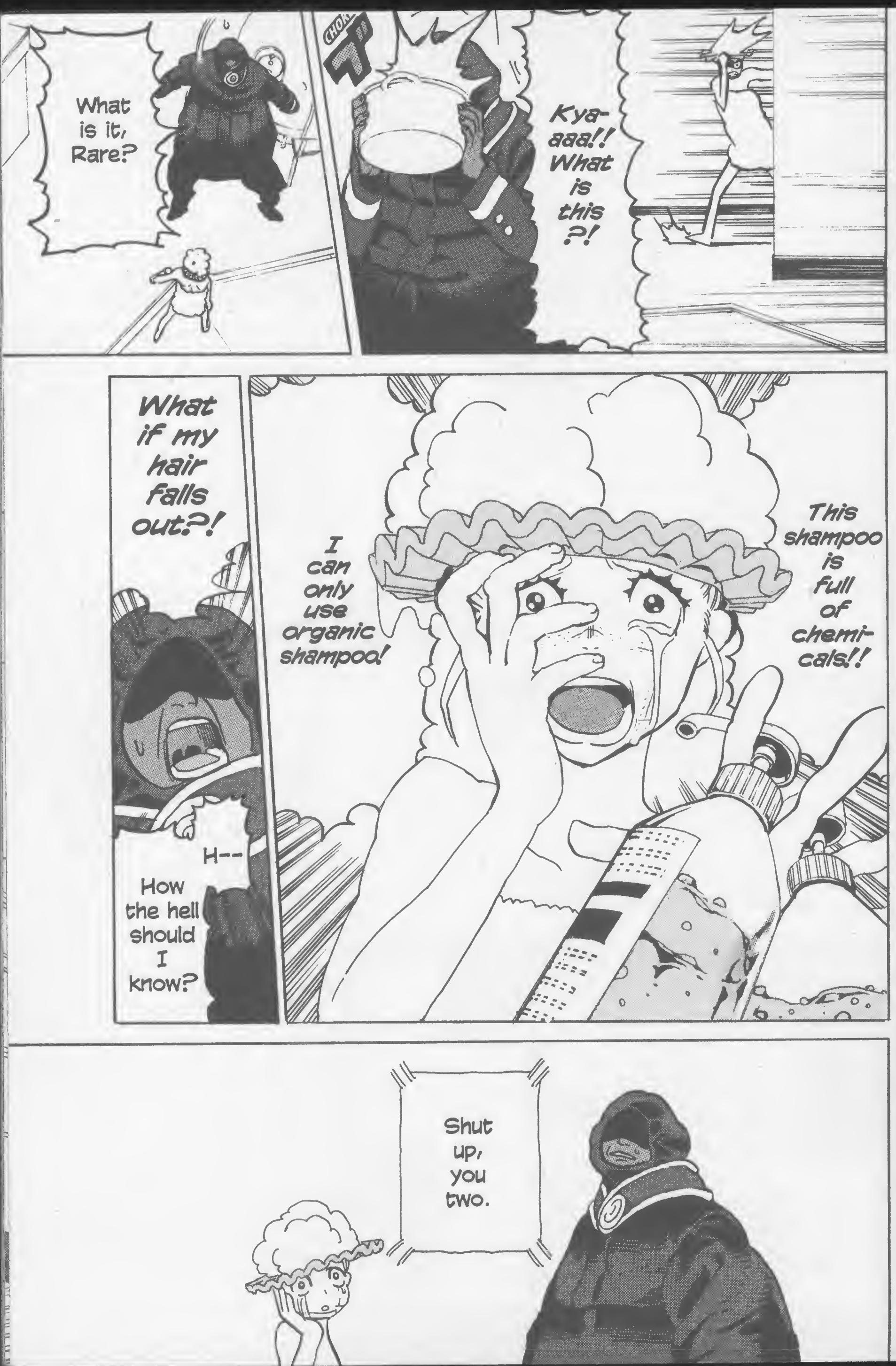
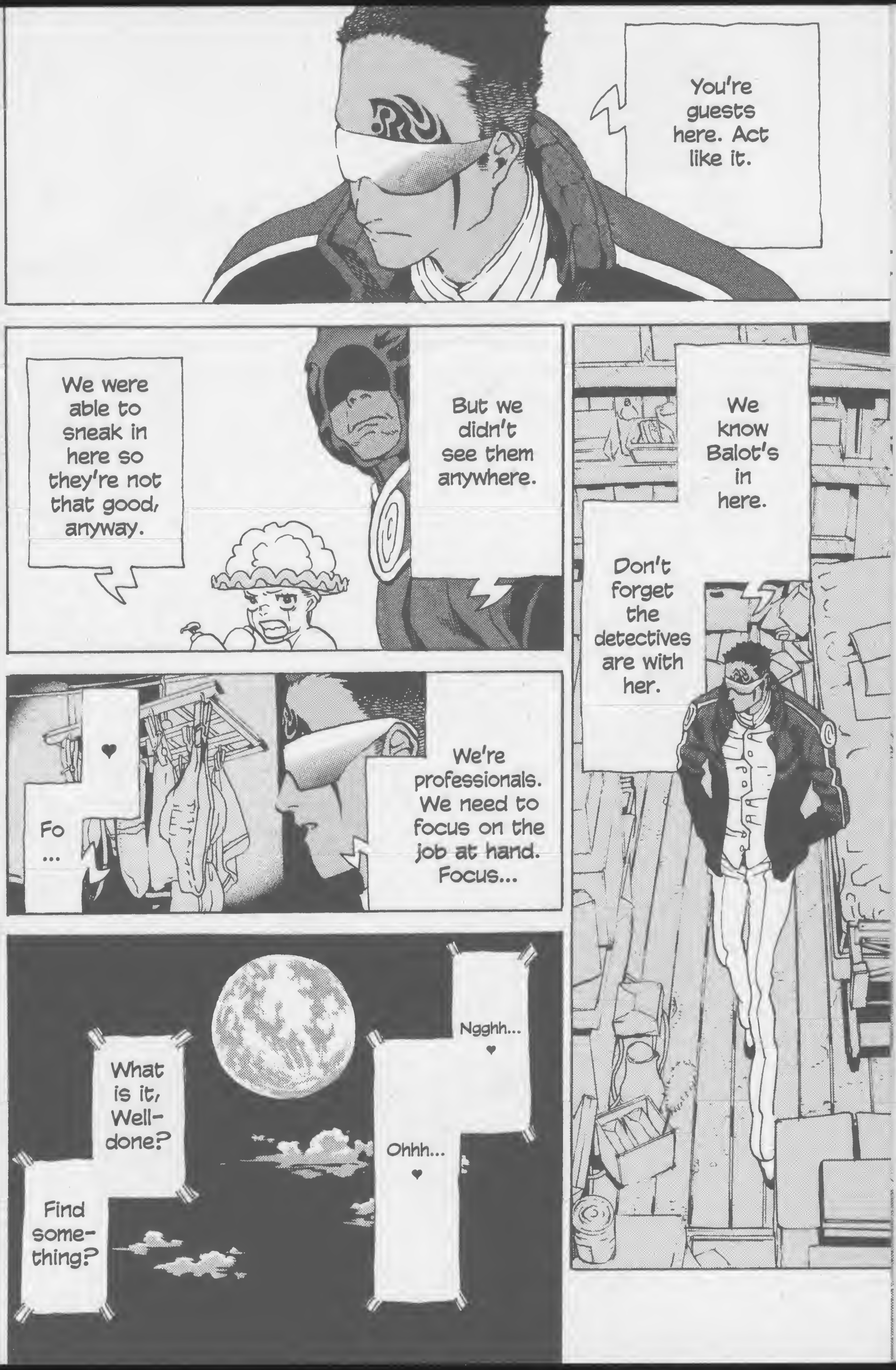
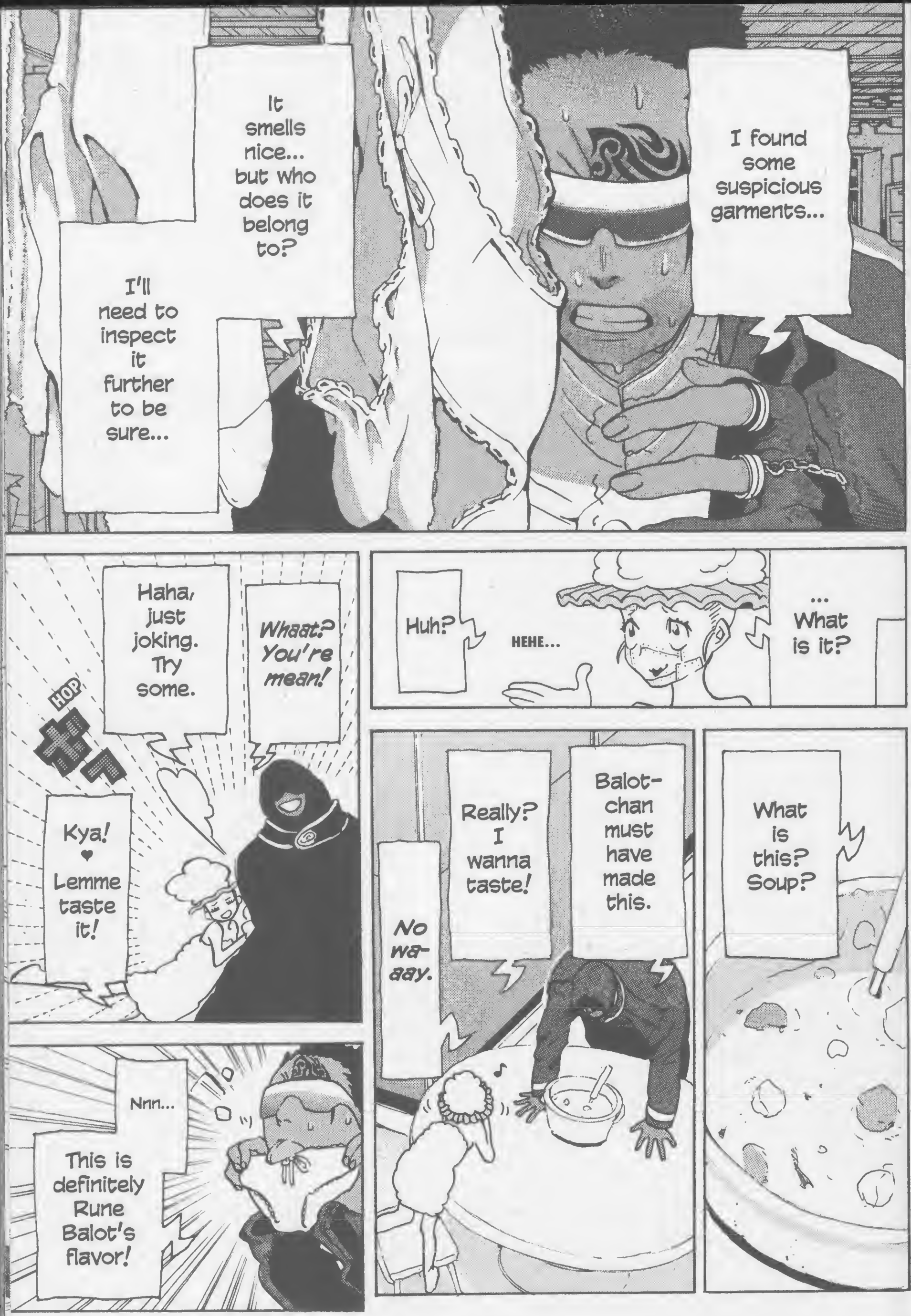
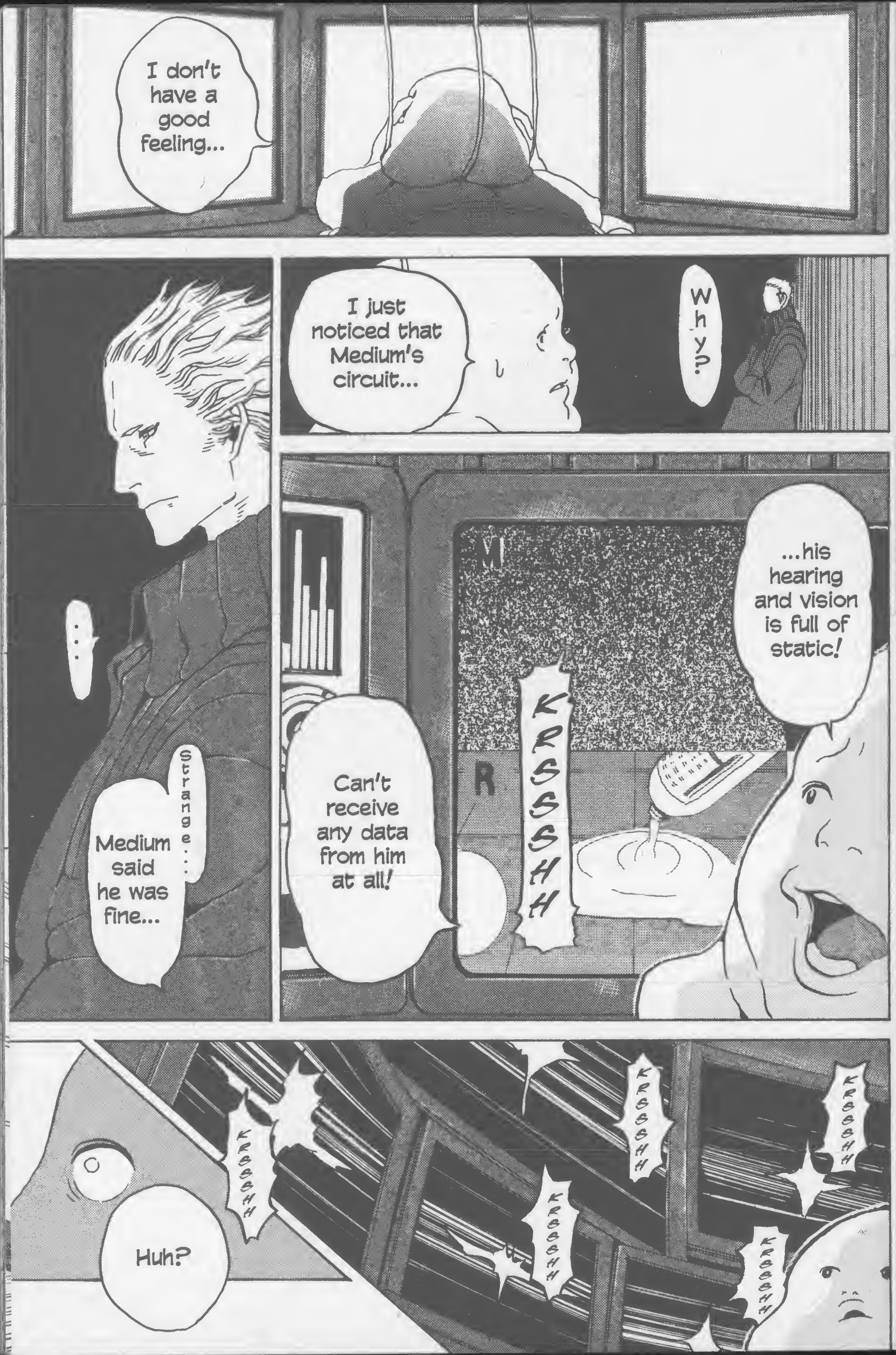
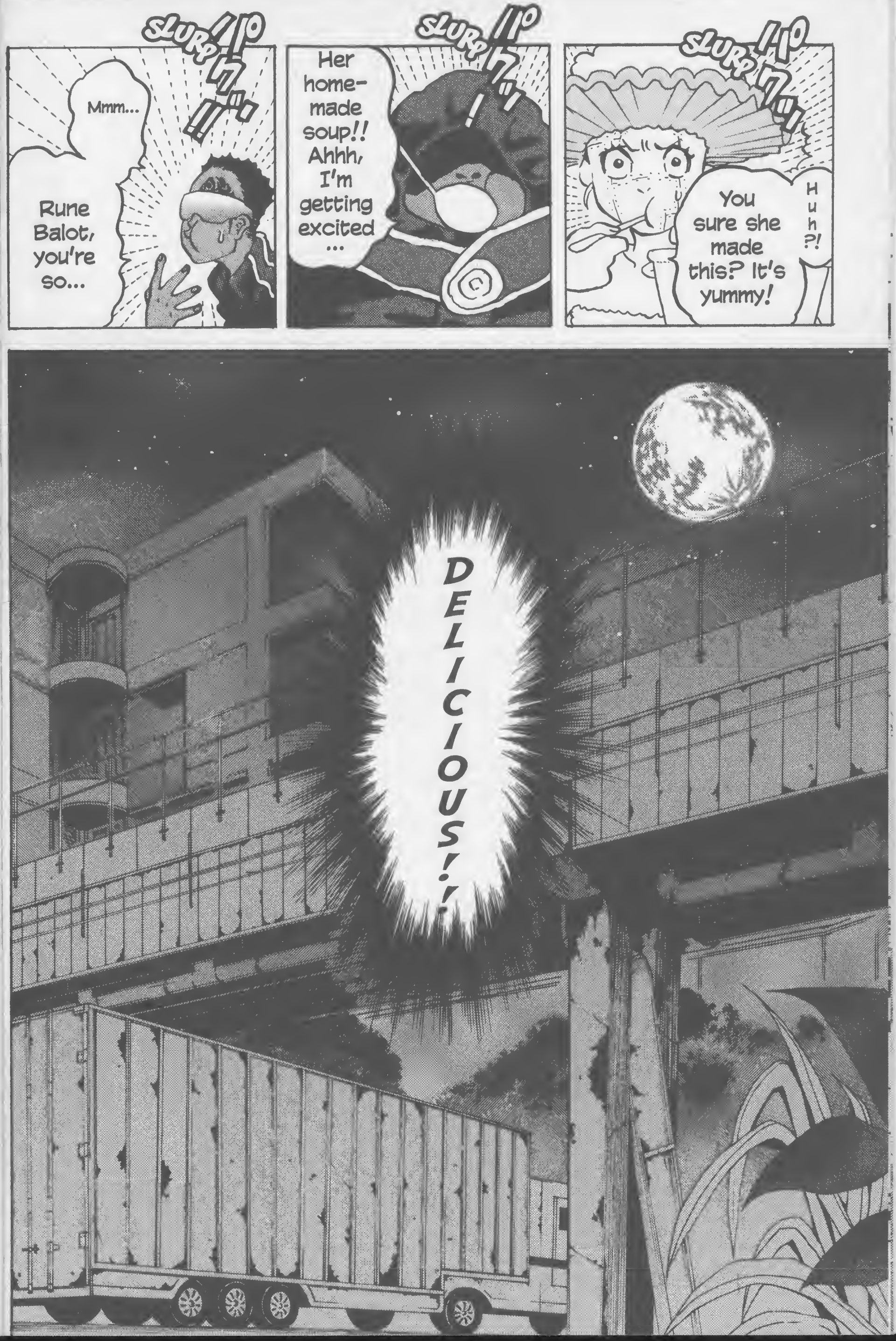

FSSSSHHHH
シャアアアア
ツャ
La la la la
La la la la
ア
ア
ア
FS SSSHH
ア
ア
Ru-ru-rune Balot's shampoo.
I'll use her shampoo then I'll kill her. ♪
O.L.O shampoo
♪
♪
Heh heh heh. I just hit the jackpot.
I'm starving, too...
SLUURRP

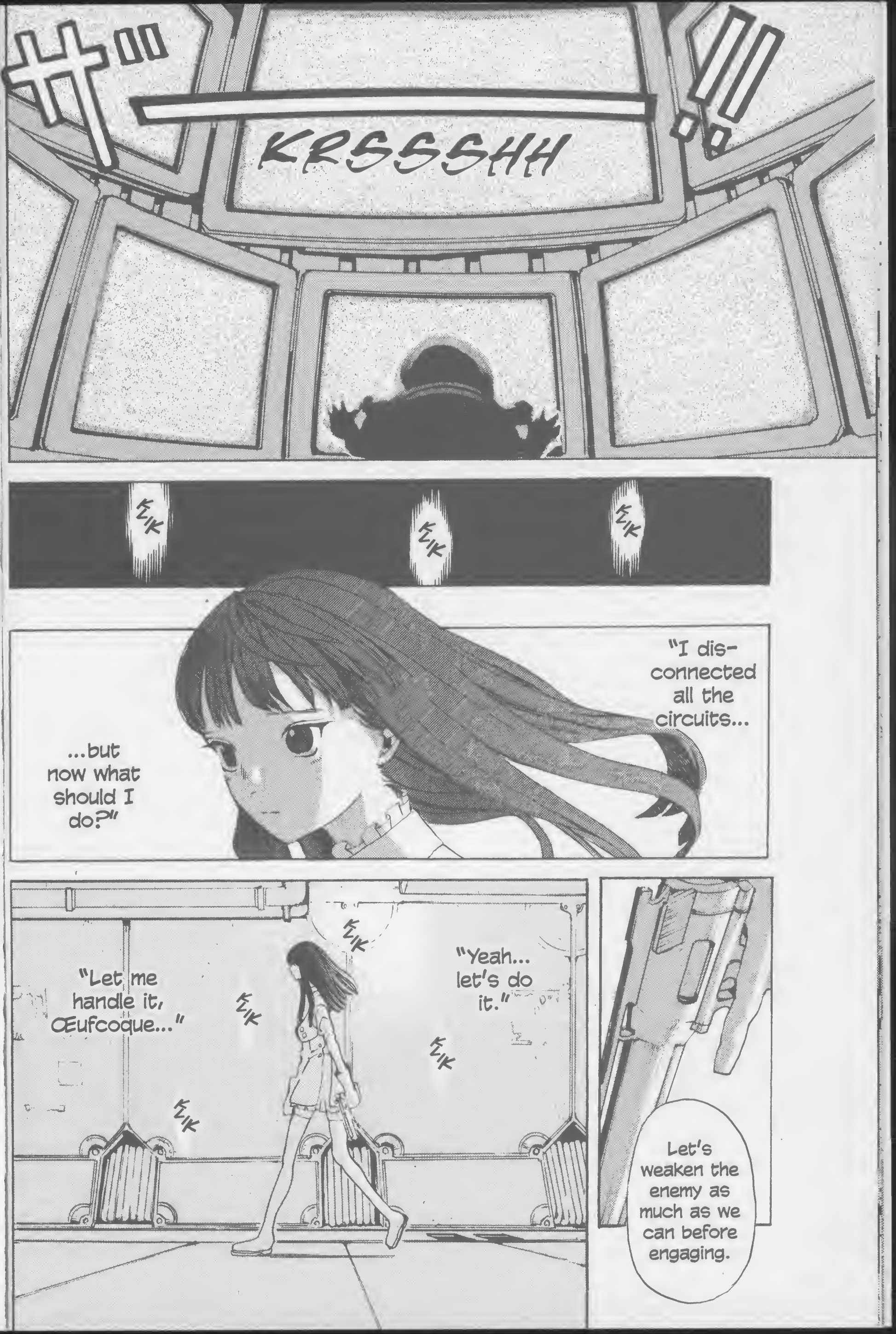

Kya-aaa!! What is this?!
CHOK
ブ
What is it, Rare?
This shampoo is full of chemicals!!
I can only use organic shampoo!
What if my hair falls out?!
H--
How the hell should I know?
Shut up, you two.

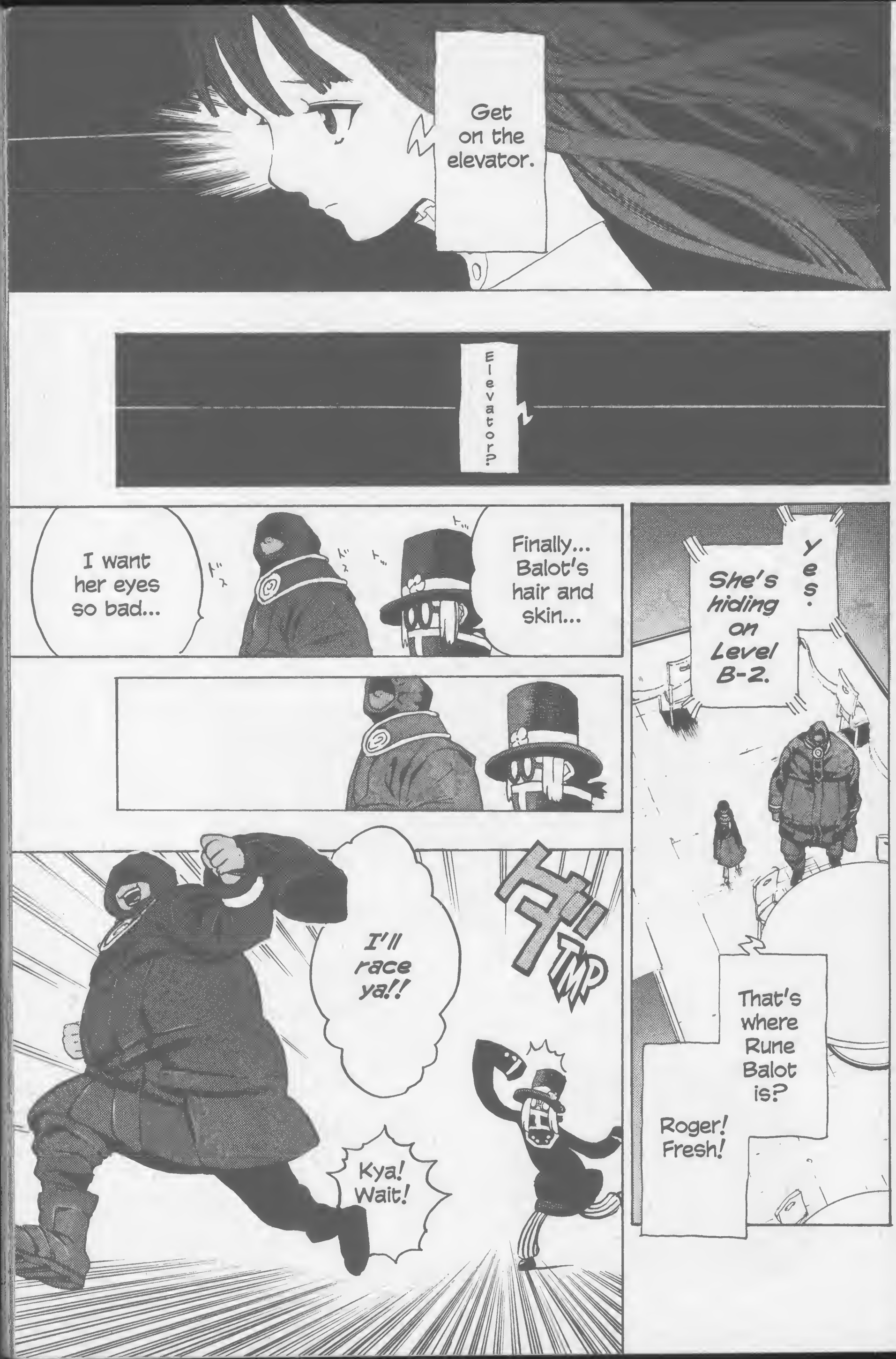

You're guests here. Act like it.
We know Balot's in here.
Don't forget the detectives are with her.
But we didn't see them anywhere.
We were able to sneak in here so they're not that good, anyway.
We're professionals. We need to focus on the job at hand. Focus...
Fo...
♥
Ngghh... ♥
Ohhh... ♥
What is it, Well-done?
Find something?

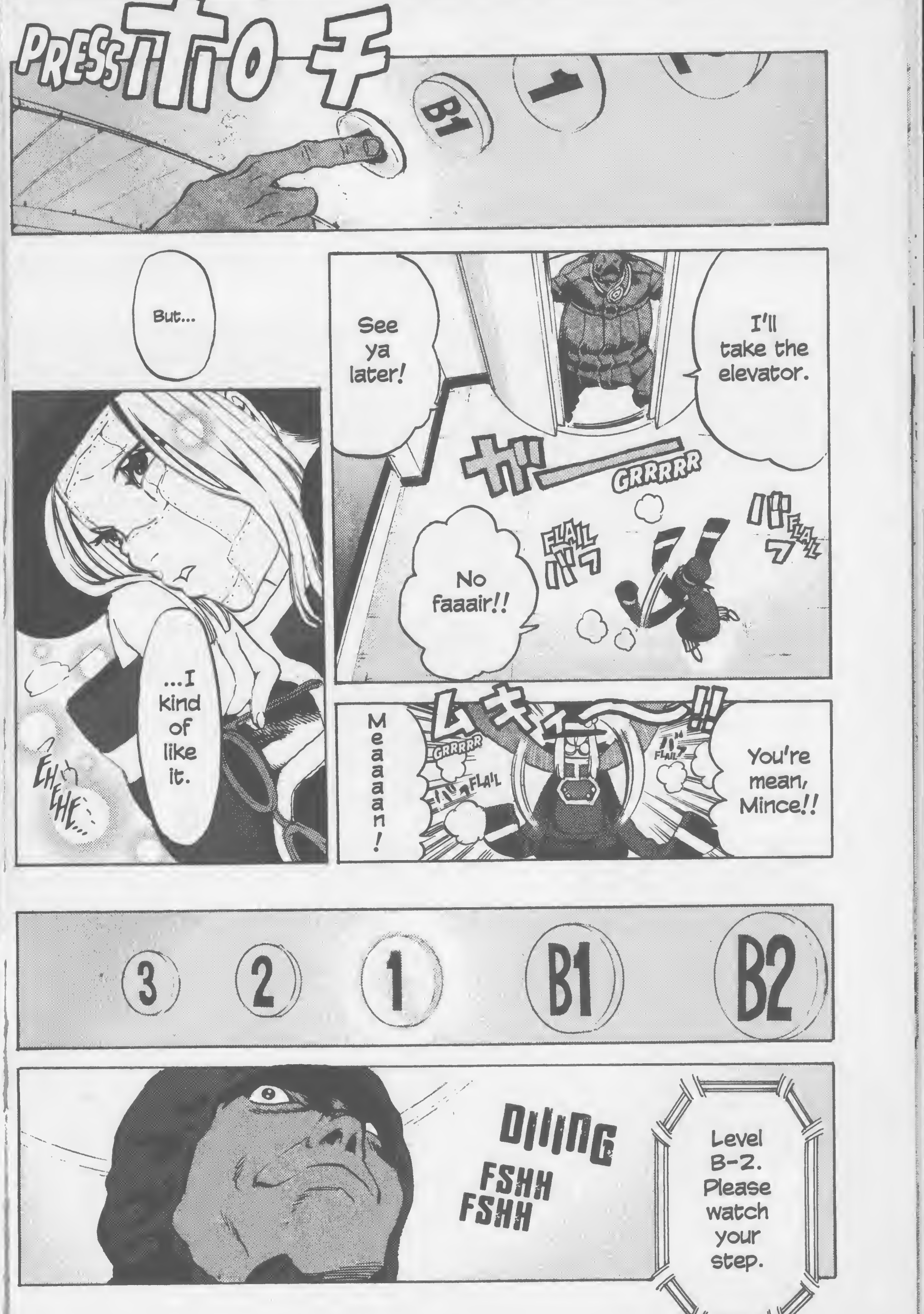

I found some suspicious garments...
It smells nice... but who does it belong to?
I'll need to inspect it further to be sure...
... What is it?
HEHE...
Huh?
What is this? Soup?
Balot-chan must have made this.
Really? I wanna taste!
No waaay.
Whaat? You're mean!
Haha, just joking. Try some.
HOP
Kya! ♥ Lemme taste it!
Nnn...
This is definitely Rune Balot's flavor!

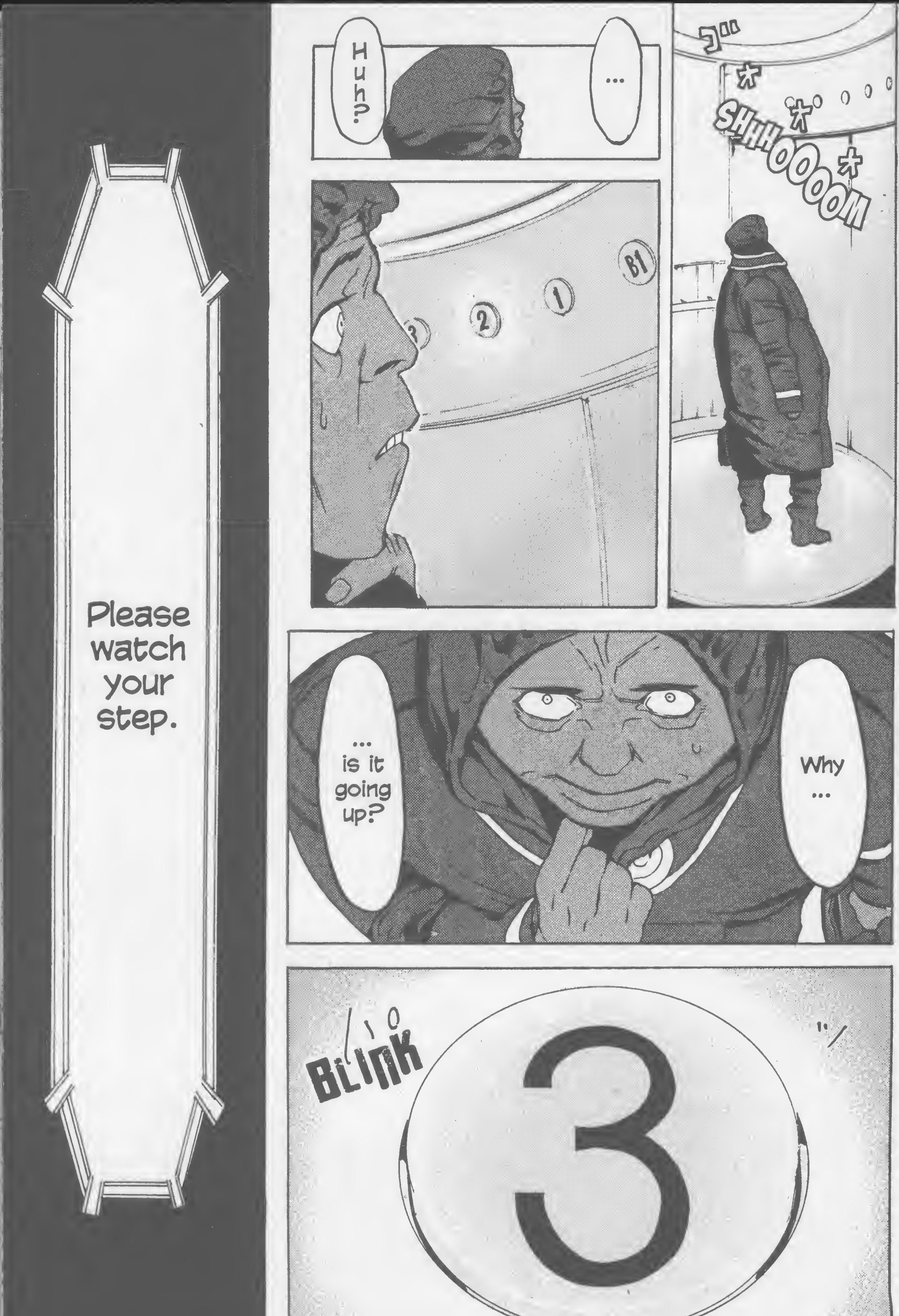

I don't have a good feeling...
Why?
I just noticed that Medium's circuit...
...
Strange...
Medium said he was fine...
...his hearing and vision is full of static!
KRSSHH
Can't receive any data from him at all!
M
R
KRSSHH
KRSSHH
KRSSHH
KRSSHH
KRSSHH
Huh?

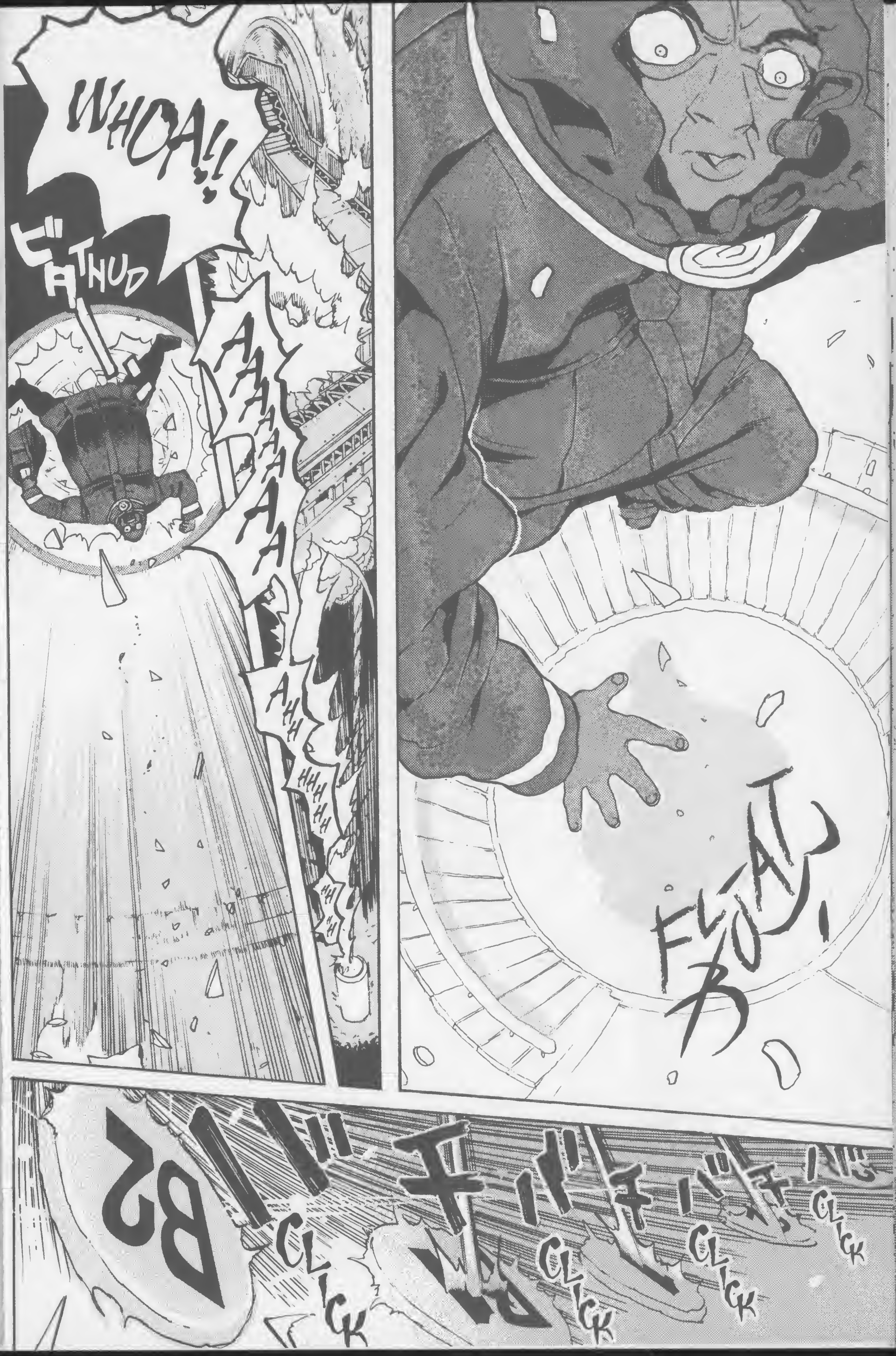

SLURP
Mmm...
Rune Balot, you're so...
SLURP
Her home-made soup!! Ahhh, I'm getting excited...
SLURP
You sure she made this? It's yummy!
Huh?!
DELICIOUS!!

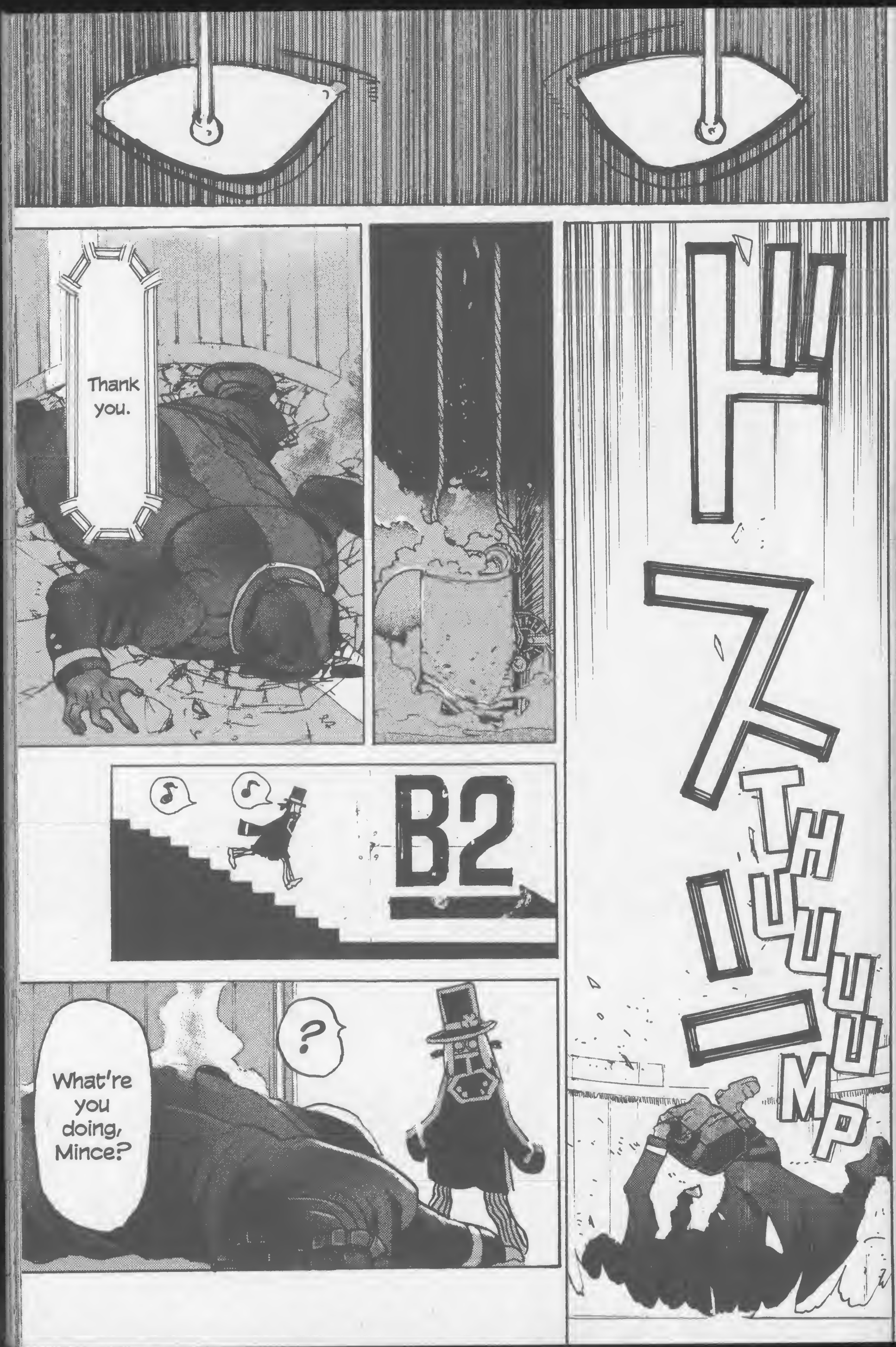

KRSSSHH
"I dis-connected all the circuits...
...but now what should I do?"
KLIK KLIK KLIK
Let's weaken the enemy as much as we can before engaging.
"Let me handle it, Œufcoque..."
"Yeah... let's do it."
KLIK KLIK KLIK KLIK

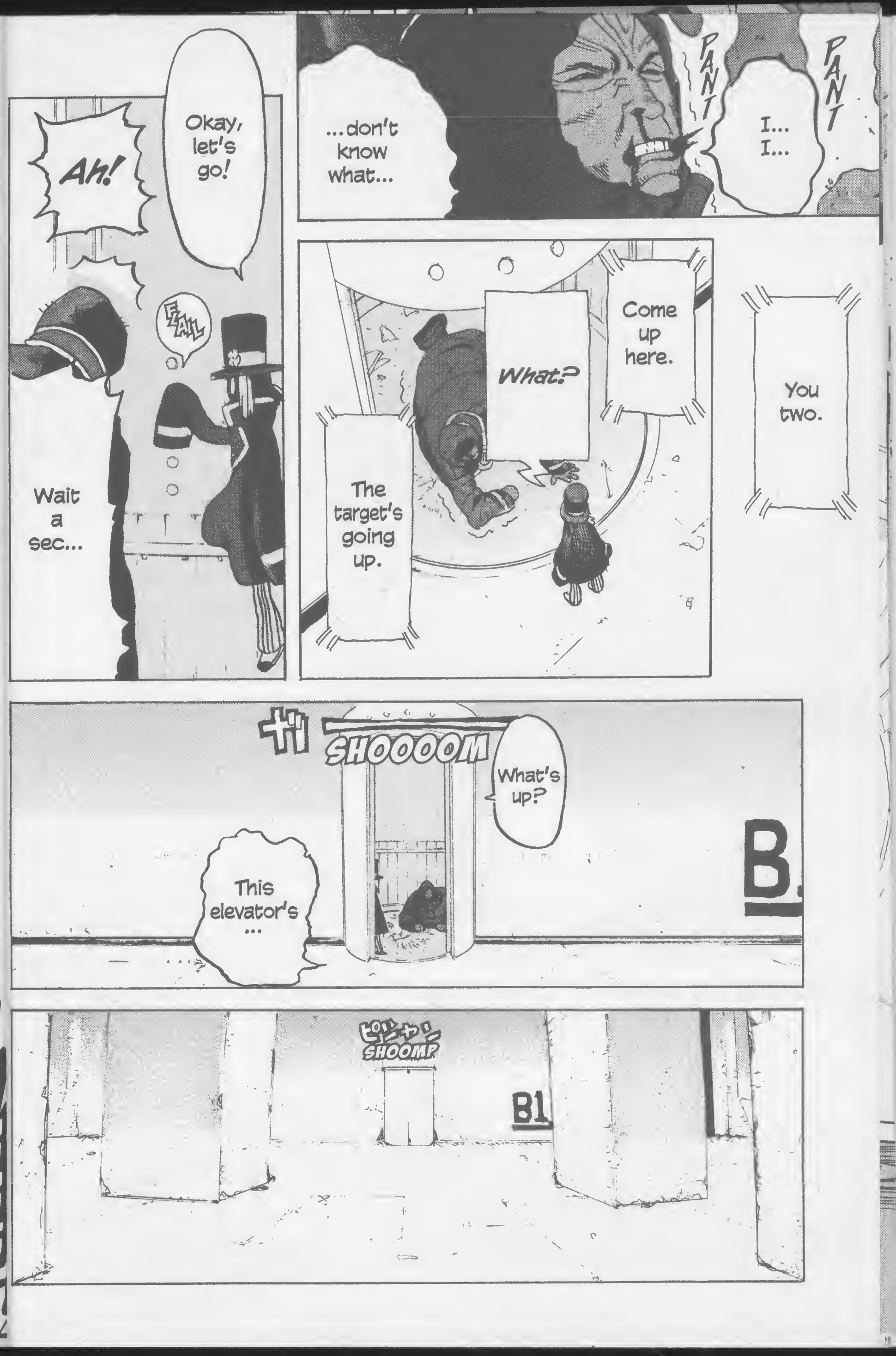

Get on the elevator.
Elevator?
Yes.
She's hiding on Level B-2.
That's where Rune Balot is?
Roger! Fresh!
Finally... Balot's hair and skin...
I want her eyes so bad...
TMP
I'll race ya!!
Kya! Wait!

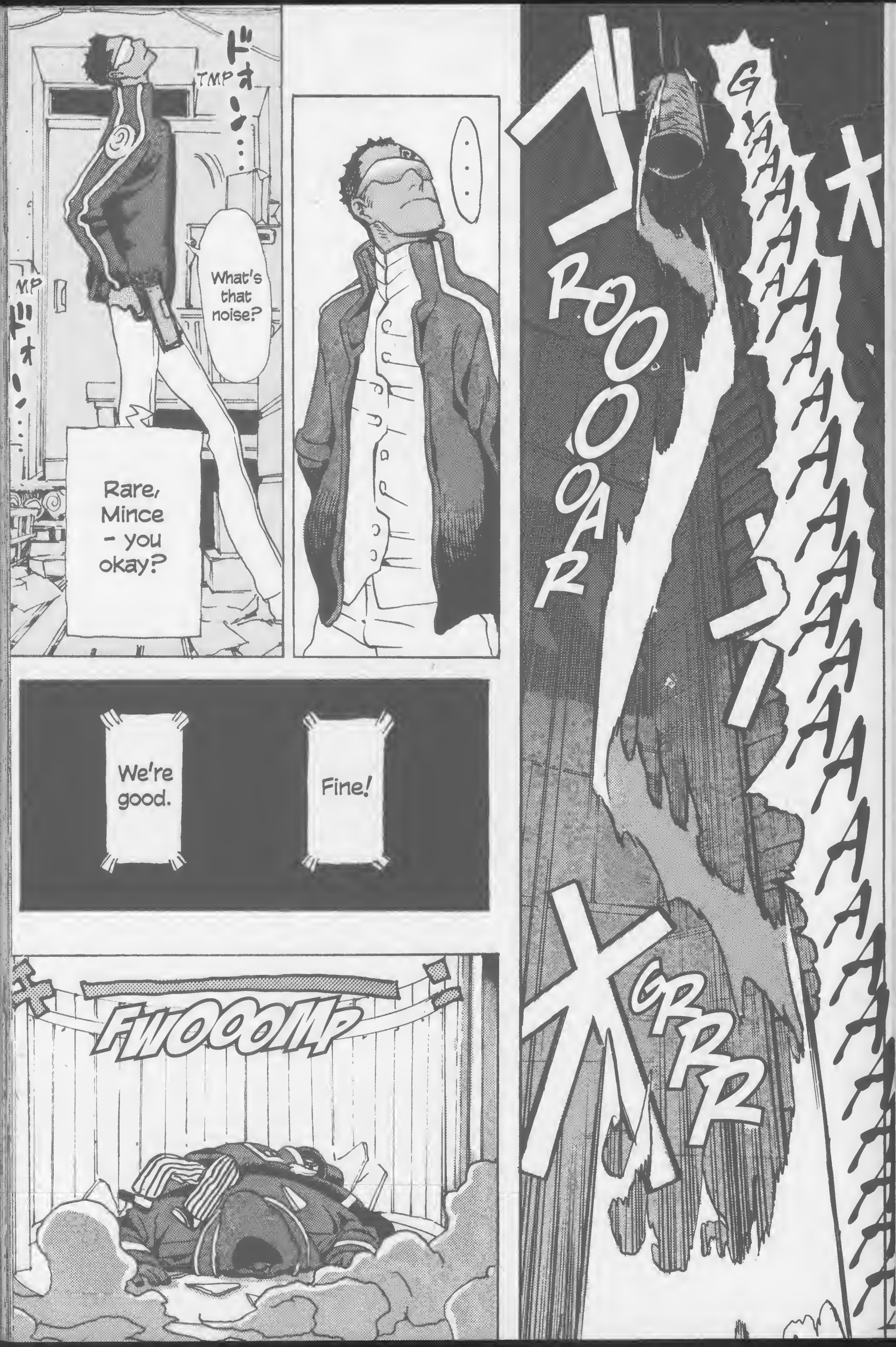

PRESS
ホ
チ
B1
1
I'll take the elevator.
See ya later!
But...
...I kind of like it.
GRRRRR
FLAIL
No faaair!!
You're mean, Mince!!
Meaaaan!
GRRRR
FLAIL
EHEHE...
3
2
1
B1
B2
DIIING
FSHH FSHH
Level B-2. Please watch your step.

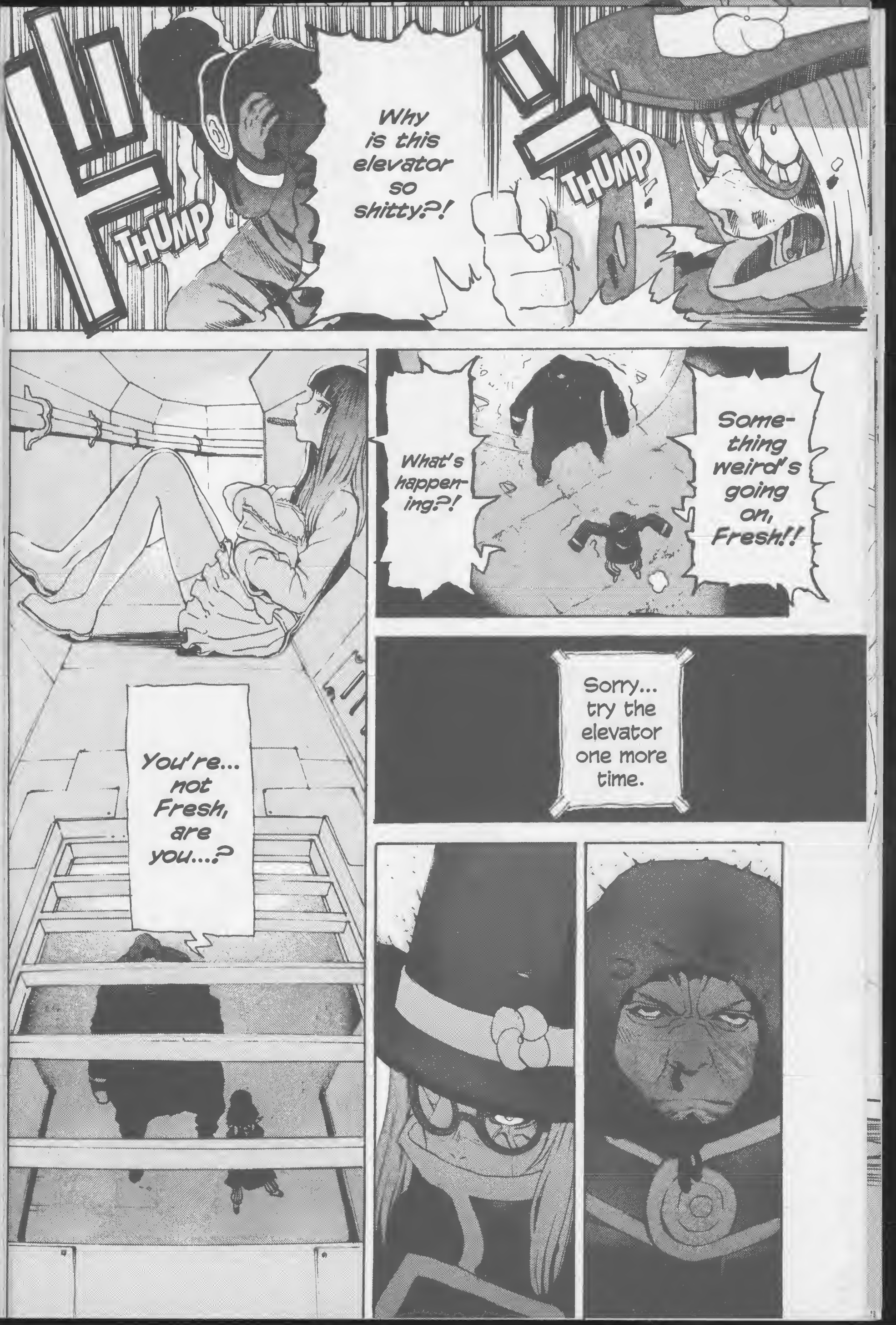

...
Huh?
SHHOOOOOM
B1
1
2
3
Why...
...is it going up?
BLINK
3
Please watch your step.

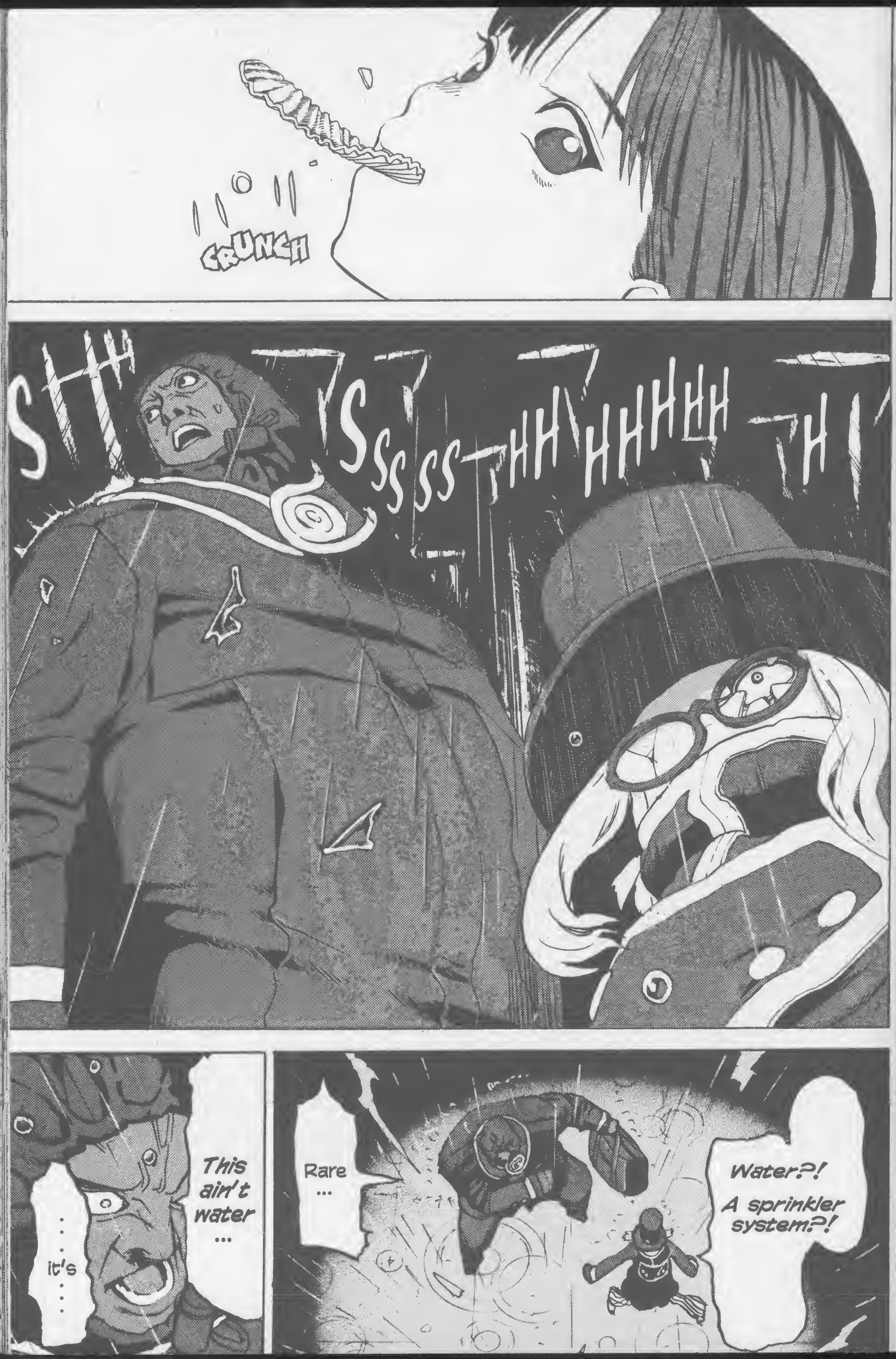

FLOAT
WHOA!!
THUD
AAAAAAAAAHHHHHHHH
B2
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK

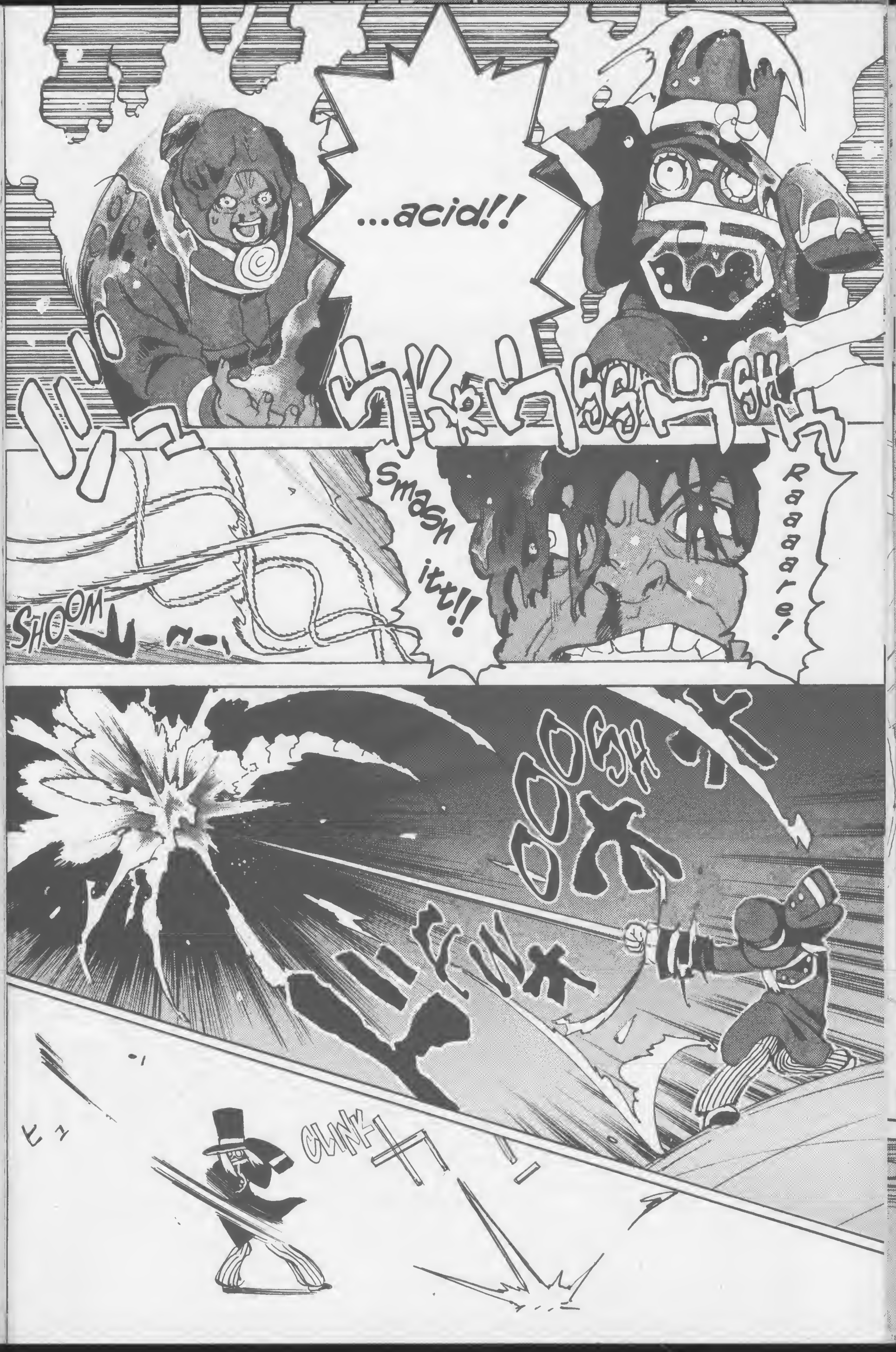

ドスーン
THUUUUUUMP
Thank you.
♪
♪
B2
?
What're you doing, Mince?

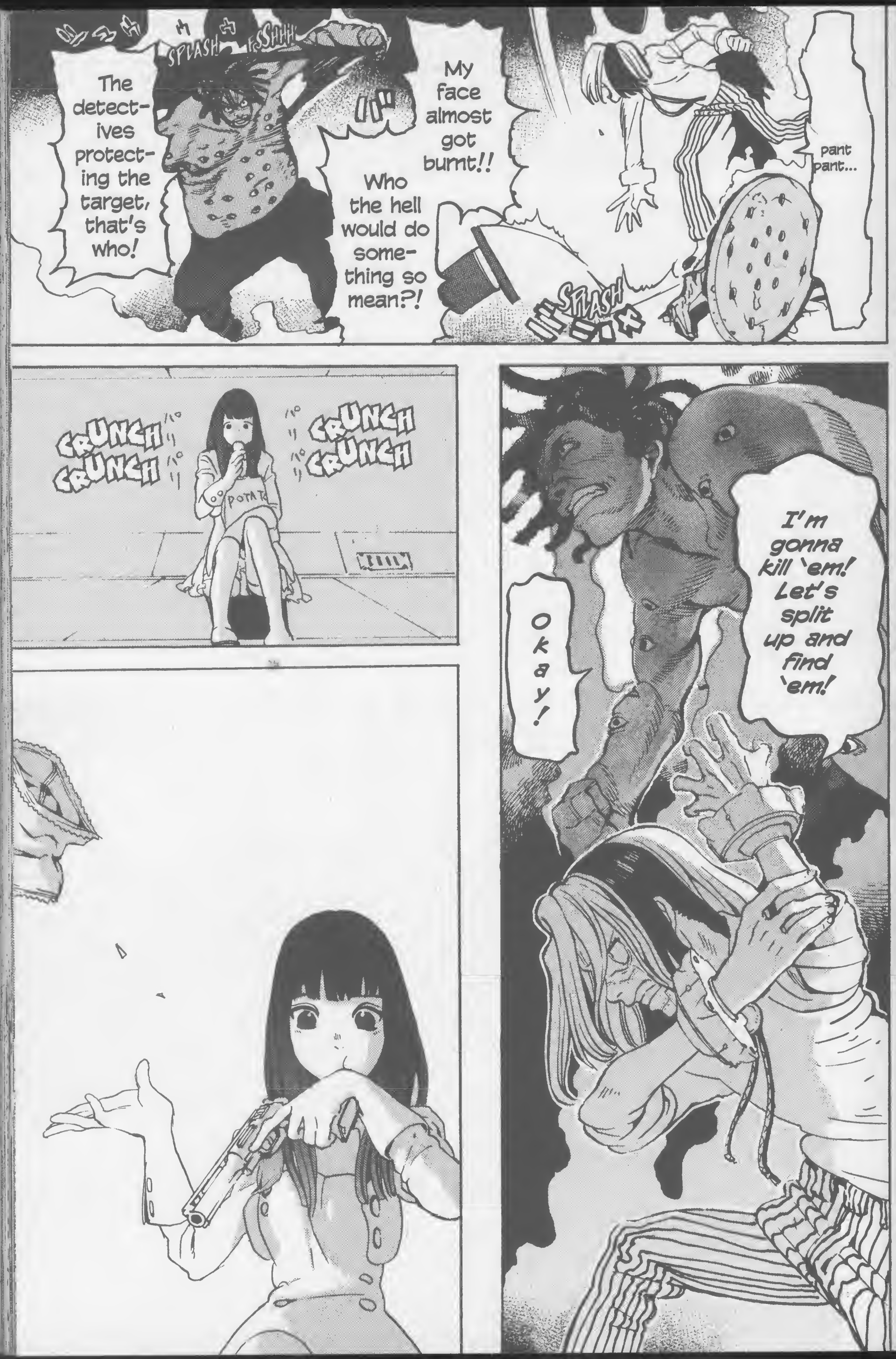

PANT
PANT
I... I...
...don't know what...
You two.
Come up here.
What?
The target's going up.
Okay, let's go!
Ah!
FLAIL
Wait a sec...
ガッ
SHOOOOM
What's up?
This elevator's ...
B.
ピシャー
SHOOMP
B1

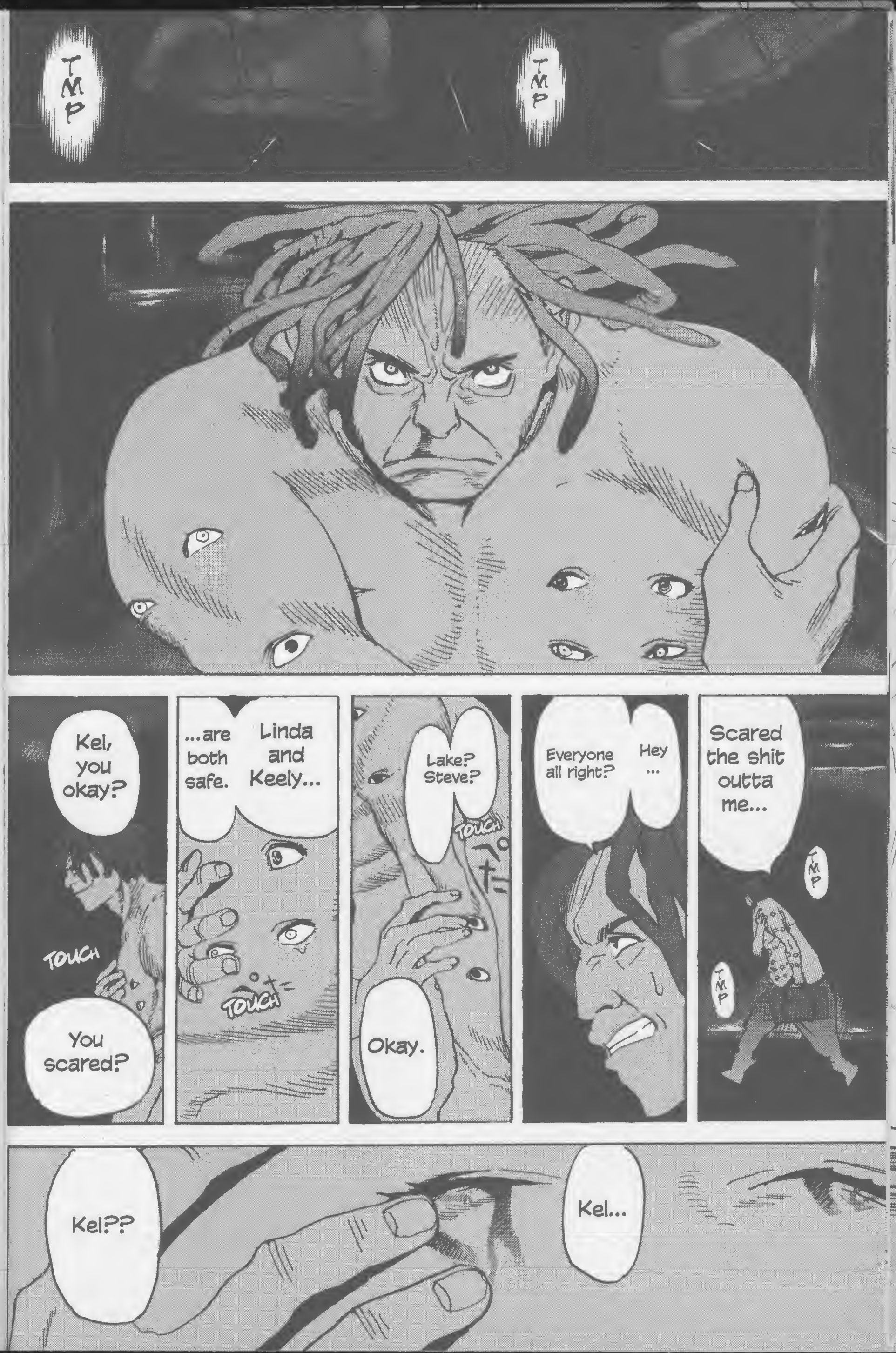

ゴ
ROOOOOAR
GYAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAARRR
ォ
GRRR
...
ドォン…
TMP
ドォン…
TMP
What's that noise?
Rare, Mince - you okay?
Fine!
We're good.
FWOOOMP

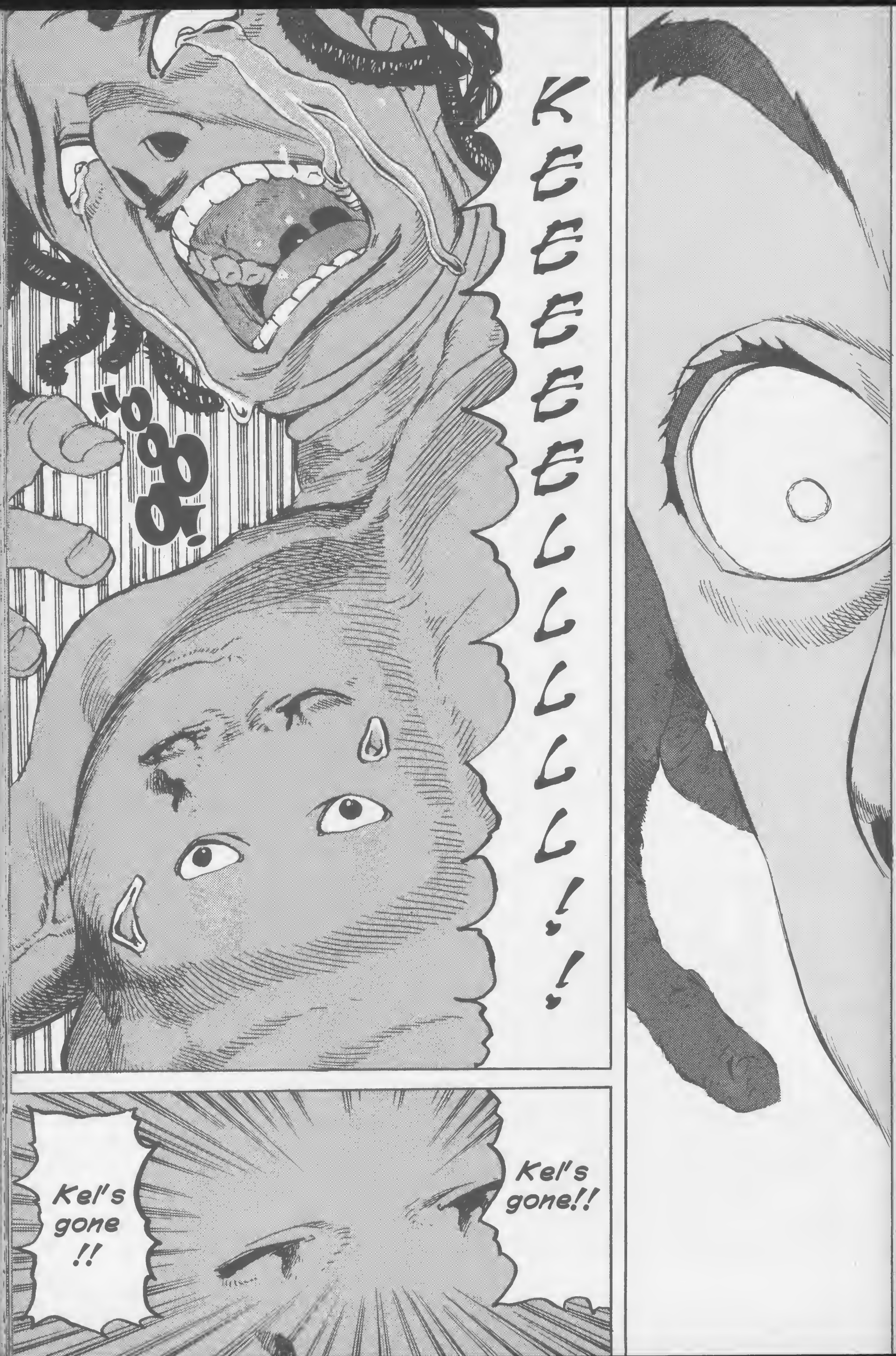

THUMP
Why is this elevator so shitty?!
THUMP
Something weird's going on, Fresh!!
What's happening?!
You're... not Fresh, are you...?
Sorry... try the elevator one more time.

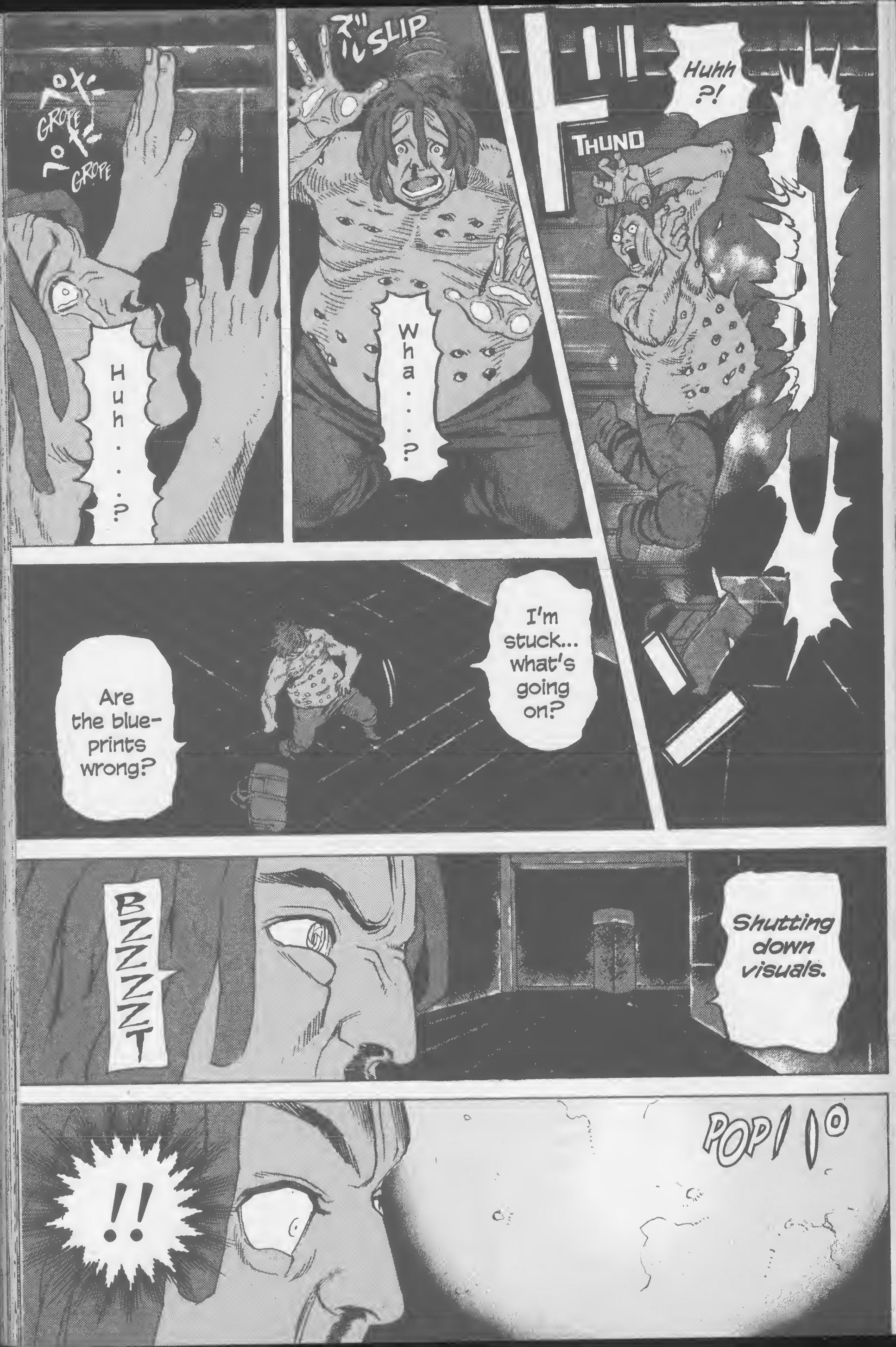

CRUNCH
SSSSS-HHHHHHHH
Water?! A sprinkler system?!
Rare...
This ain't water...
it's ....

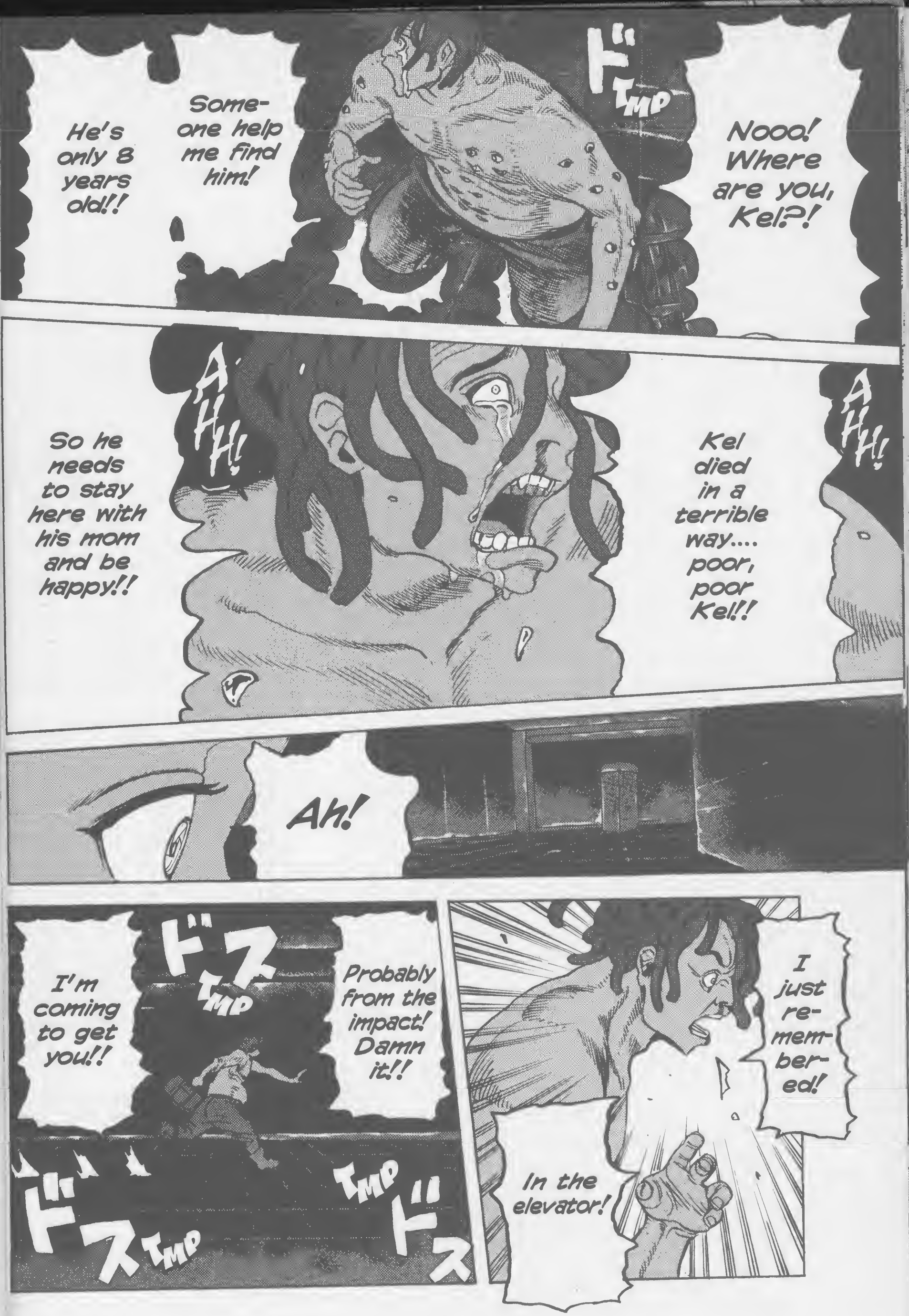

...acid!!
SKRSSSH
Raaaare!
Smash itt!!
SHOOM
OOSH
CLUNK

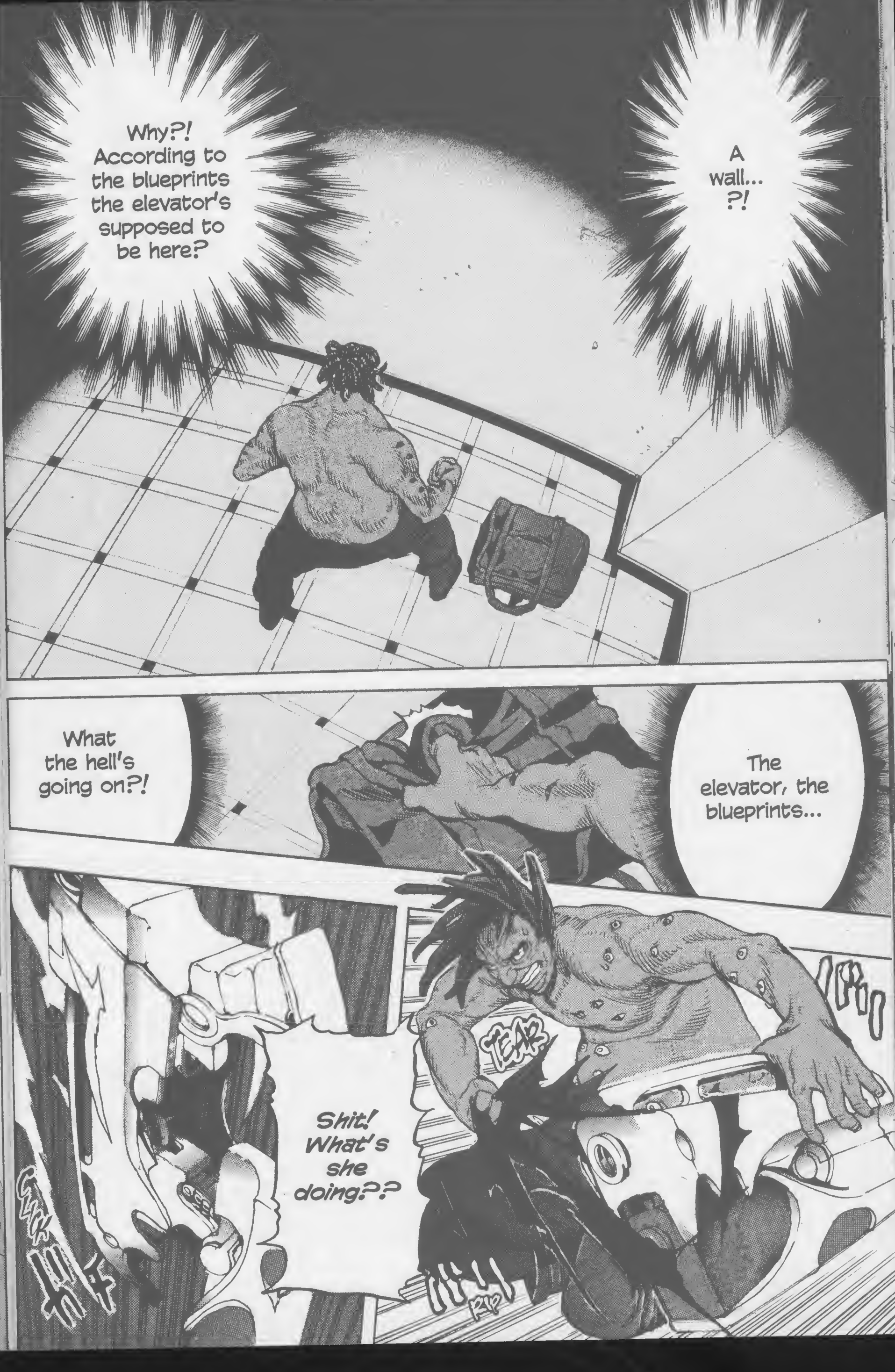

pant pant...
My face almost got burnt!!
Who the hell would do something so mean?!
SPLASH
The detectives protecting the target, that's who!
SPLASH
FSSHH
I'm gonna kill 'em! Let's split up and find 'em!
Okay!
CRUNCH CRUNCH
CRUNCH CRUNCH
POTAT

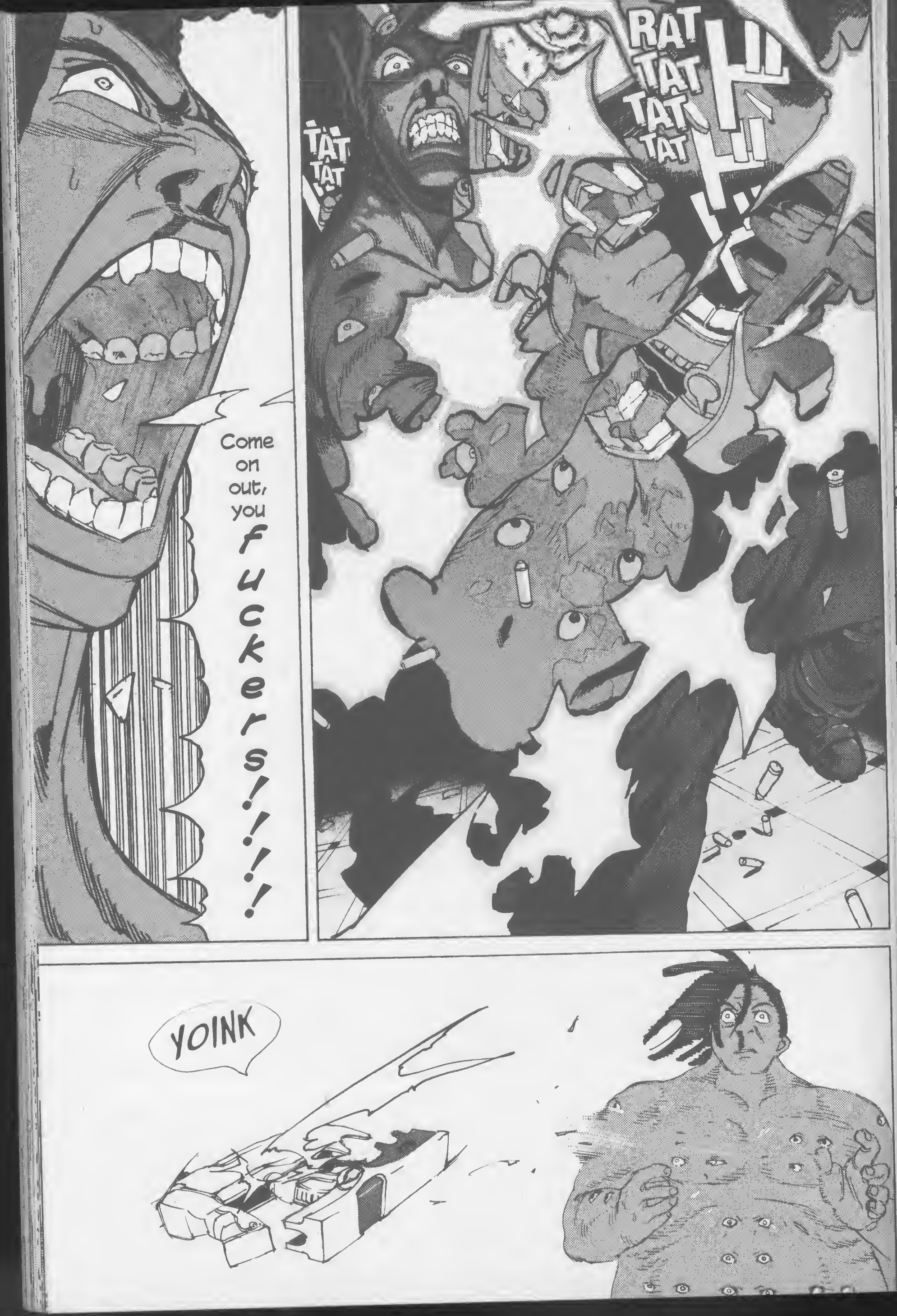

TMP
TMP
Scared the shit outta me...
TMP
TMP
Hey ...
Everyone all right?
Lake? Steve?
TOUCH
Okay.
Linda and Keely...
...are both safe.
TOUCH
Kel, you okay?
TOUCH
You scared?
Kel...
Kel??

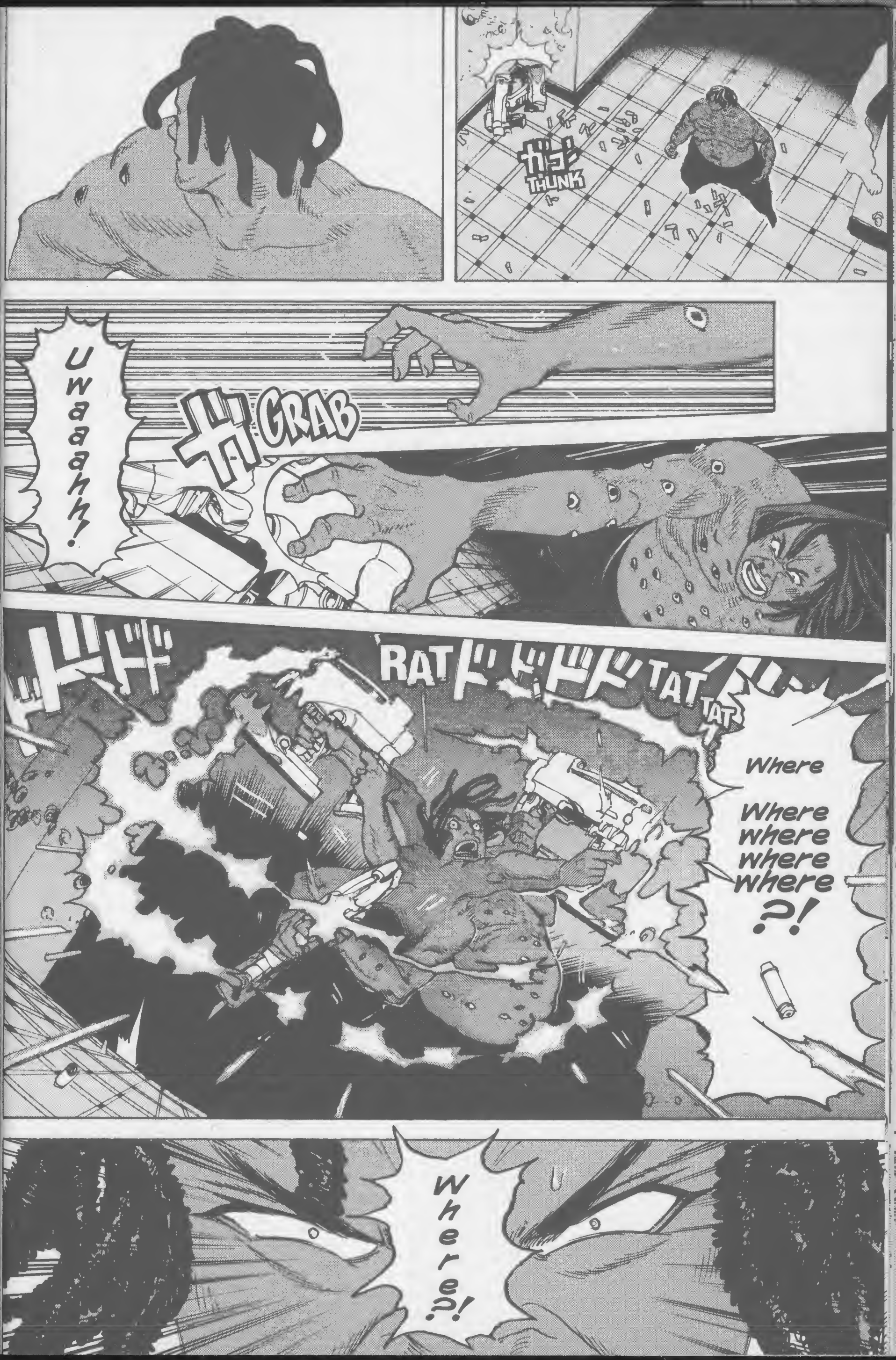

KEEEEELLLLL!!
NOOOO!
Kel's gone!!
Kel's gone !!

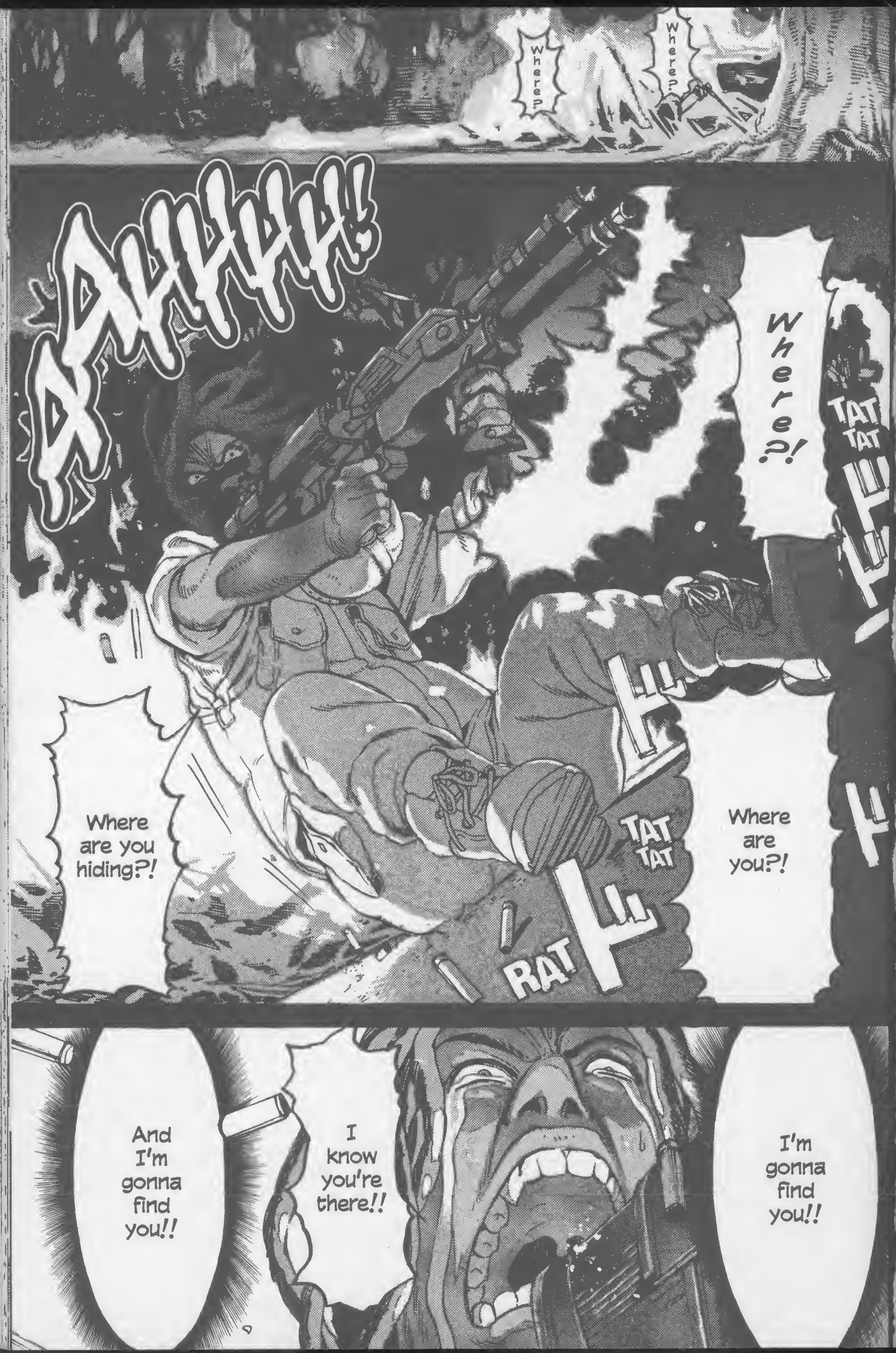

ペタ GROPE
ペタ GROPE
Huh...?
ズル SLIP
Wha...?
ドン THUND
Huhh?!
I'm stuck... what's going on?
Are the blueprints wrong?
BZZZZT
Shutting down visuals.
!!
POP!

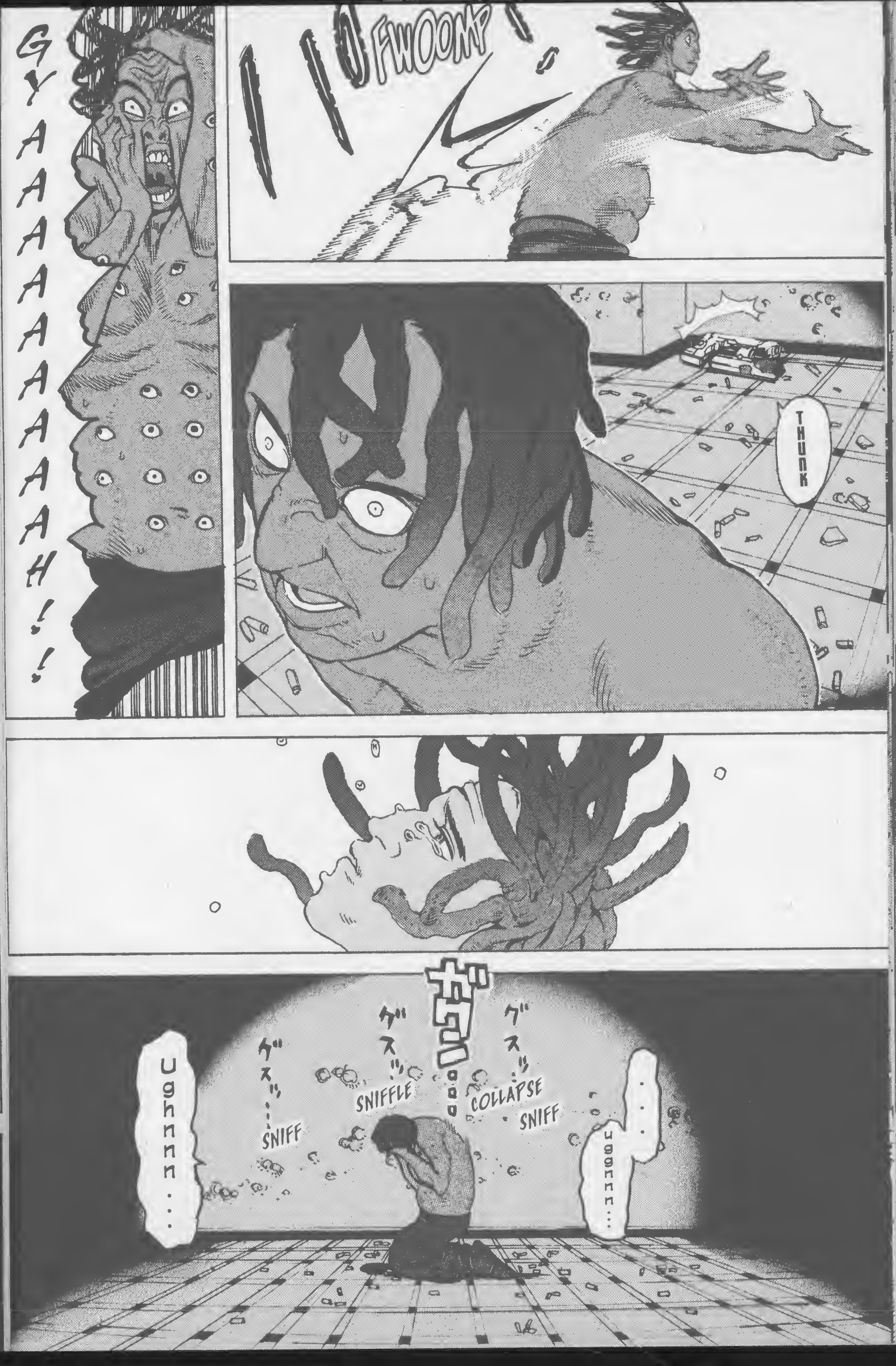

He's only 8 years old!!
Someone help me find him!
ド TMP
Nooo! Where are you, Kel?!
AHH!
So he needs to stay here with his mom and be happy!!
Kel died in a terrible way.... poor, poor Kel!!
AHH!
Ah!
I'm coming to get you!!
ドス TMP
Probably from the impact! Damn it!!
ドス TMP
TMP ドス
I just remembered!
In the elevator!

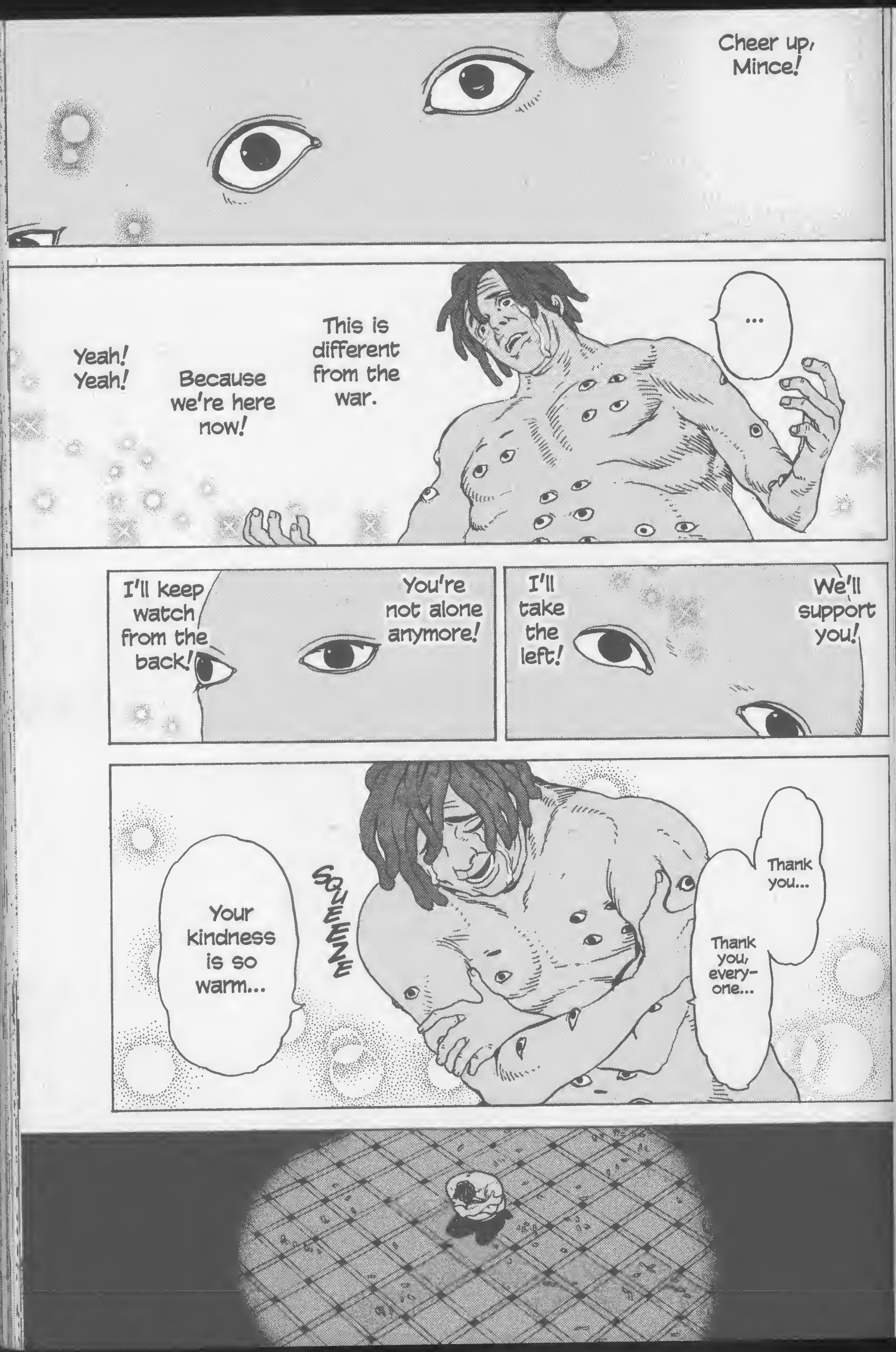

A wall...?!
Why?! According to the blueprints the elevator's supposed to be here?
The elevator, the blueprints...
What the hell's going on?!
TEAR
Shit! What's she doing??
RIP
CLICK

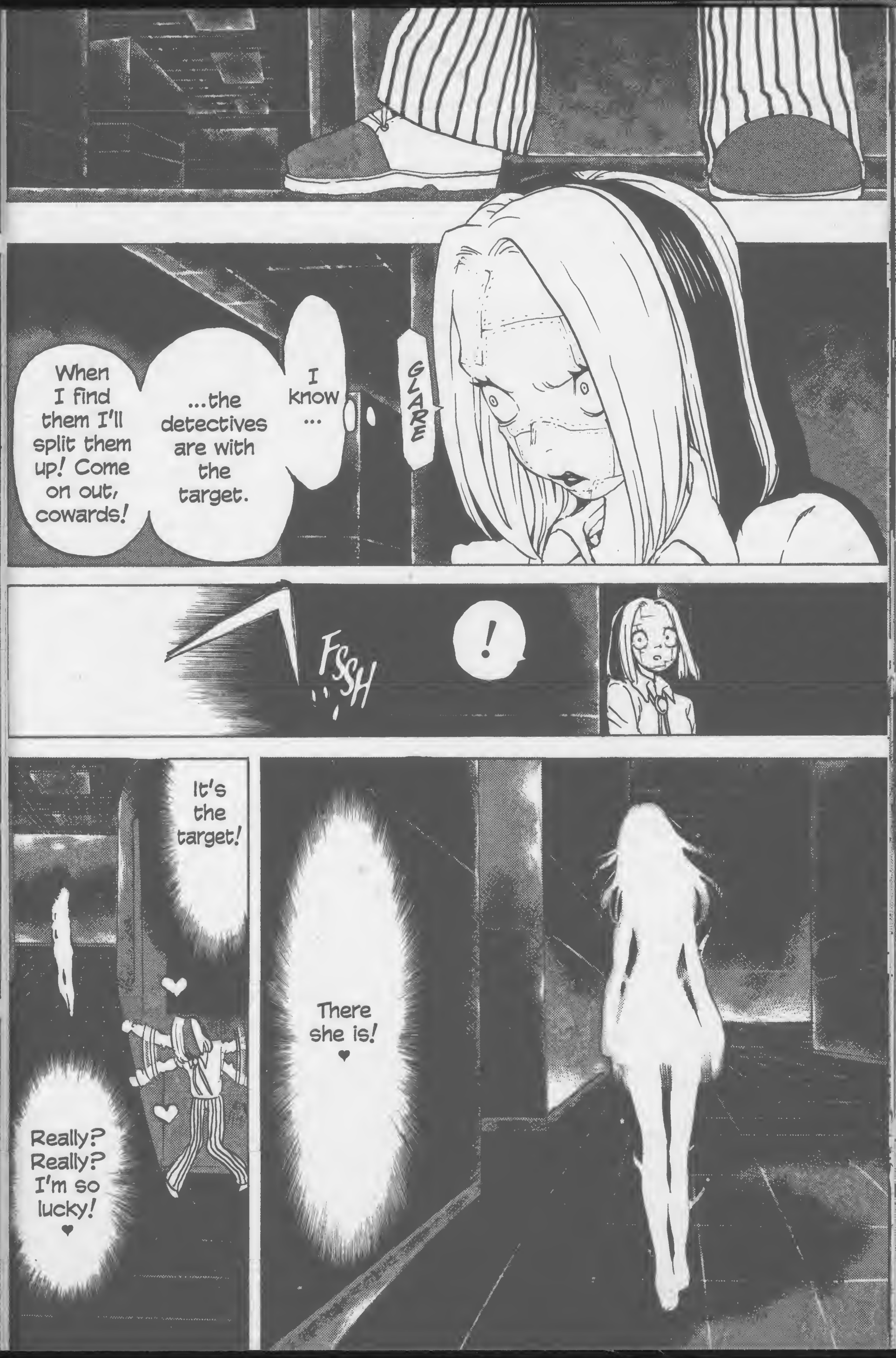

RAT TAT TAT TAT
TAT TAT
Come on out, you fuckers!!!!!
YOINK

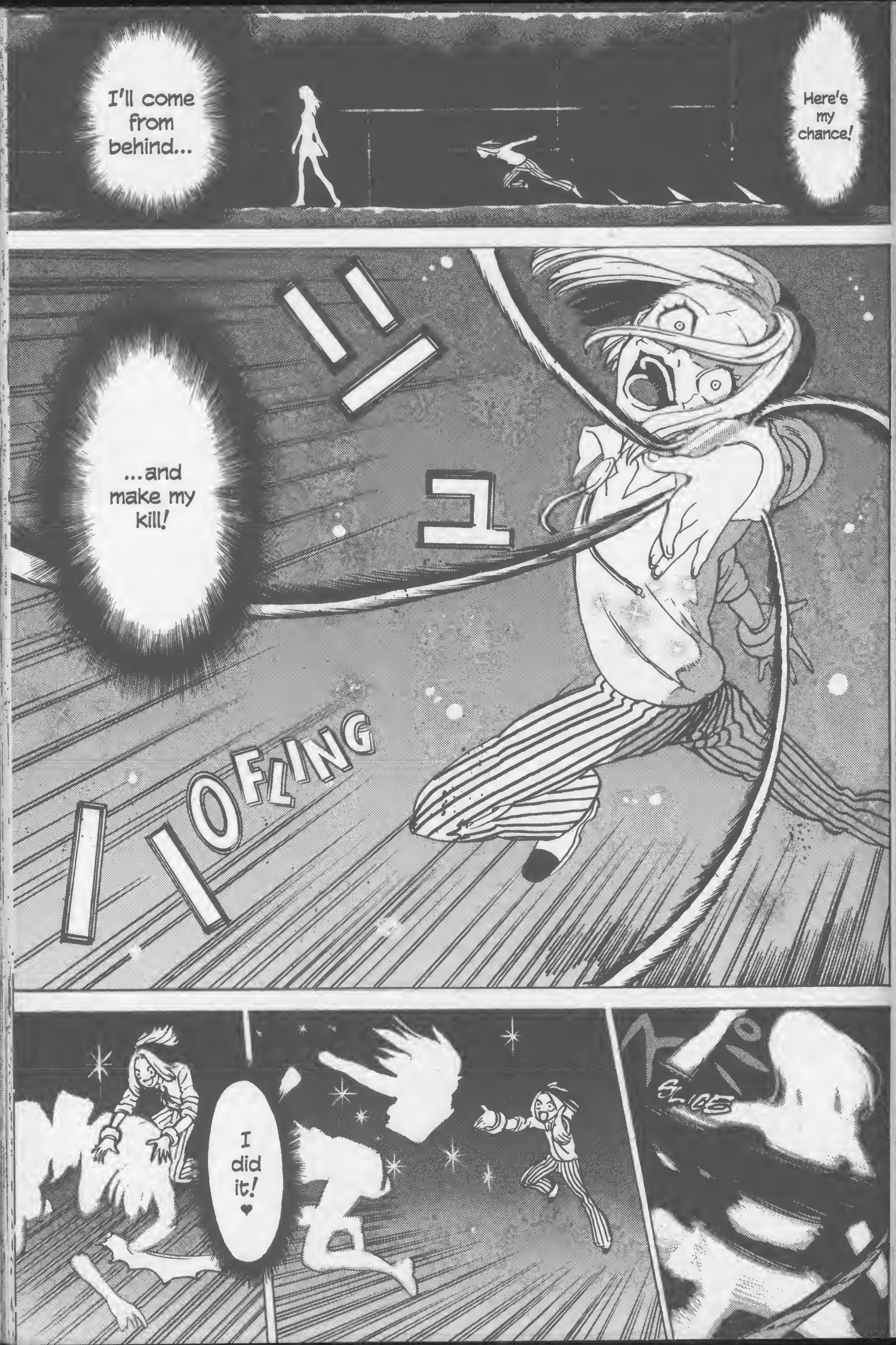

ガゴ
THUNK
Uwaaahh!
ガ
GRAB
ドドド
RAT ドドドド TAT TAT
Where
Where where where where ?!
Where?!

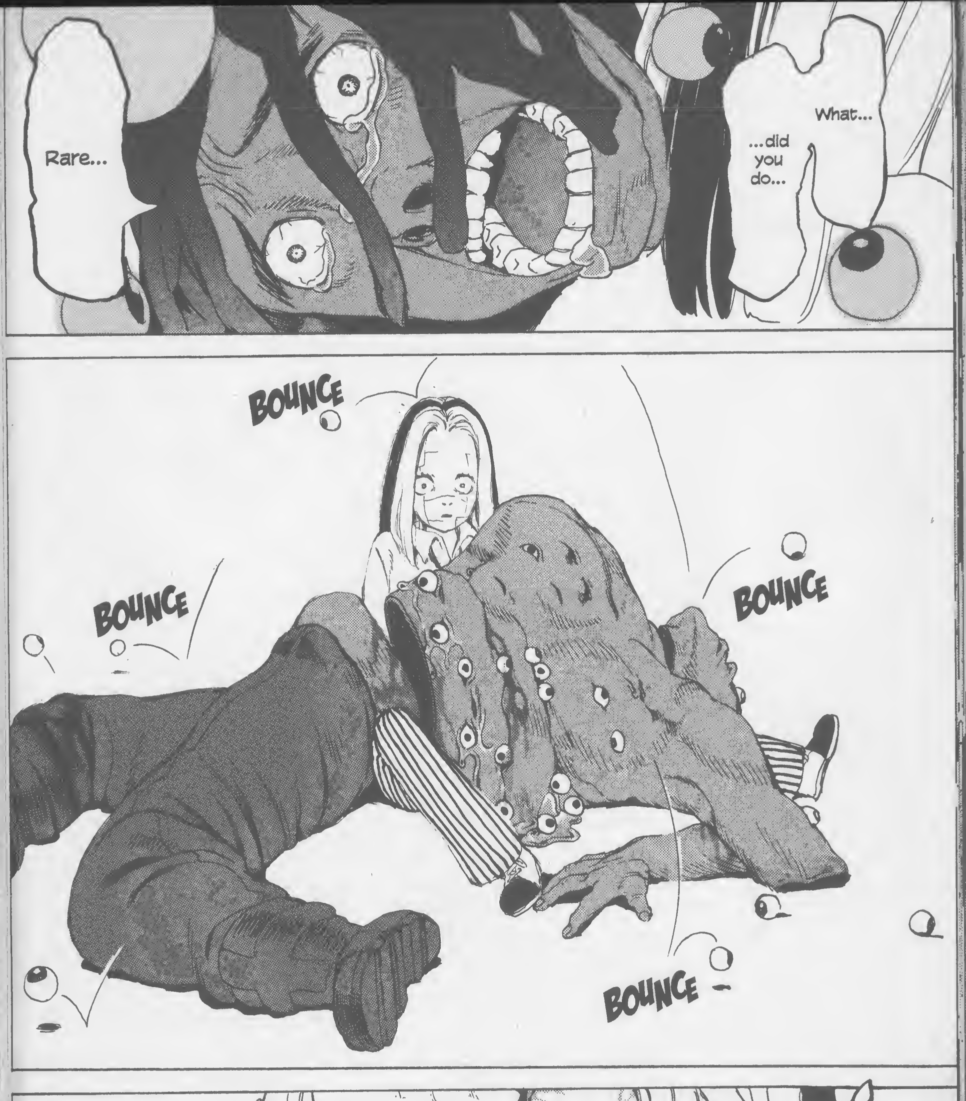

Where?
Where?
AHHHH!!
Where?!
TAT TAT
ドドド
Where are you?!
Where are you hiding?!
TAT TAT
ド
RAT ド
I'm gonna find you!!
I know you're there!!
And I'm gonna find you!!

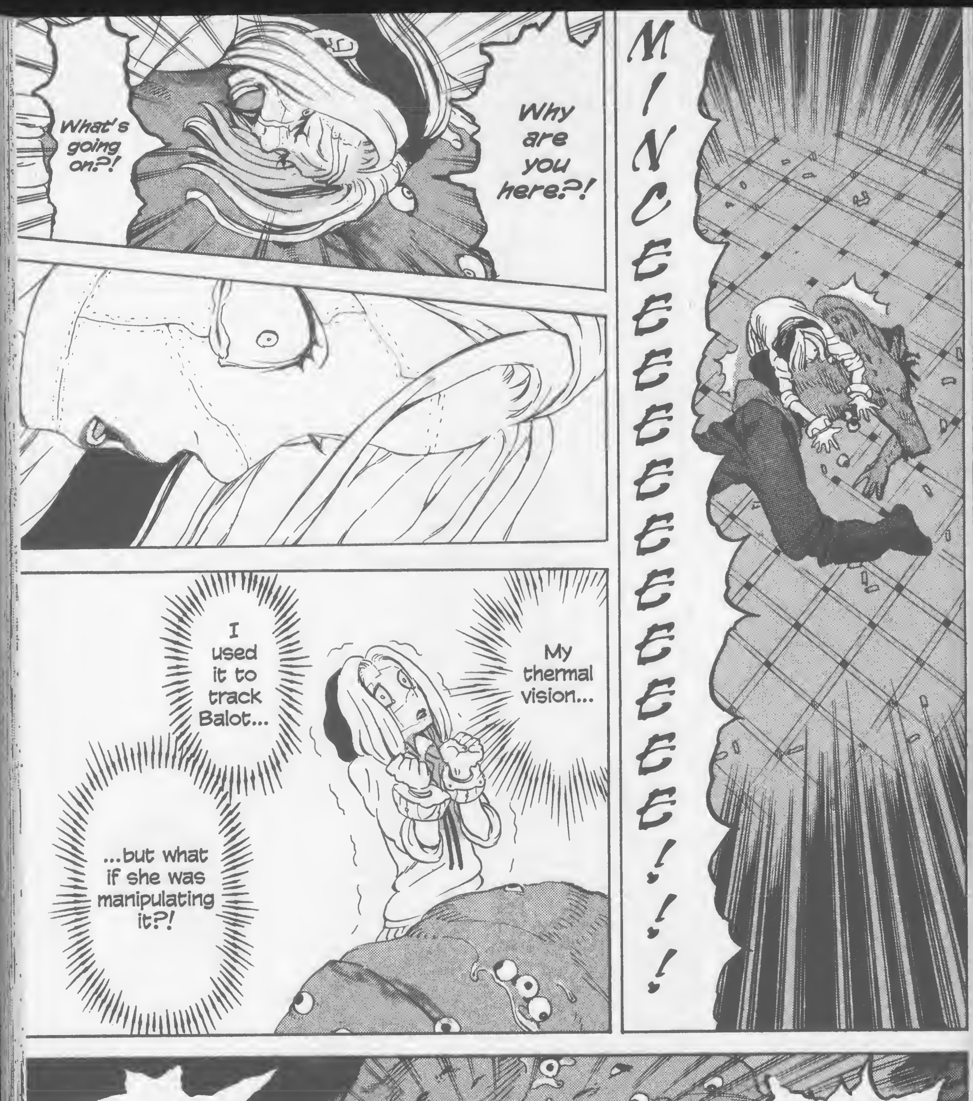

FWOOMP
GYAAAAAAAAAAAAH!!
THUNK
...
Ugghnnn...
グスッ
SNIFF
ガクッ
COLLAPSE
グスッ
SNIFFLE
グスッ
SNIFF
Ughnnn...

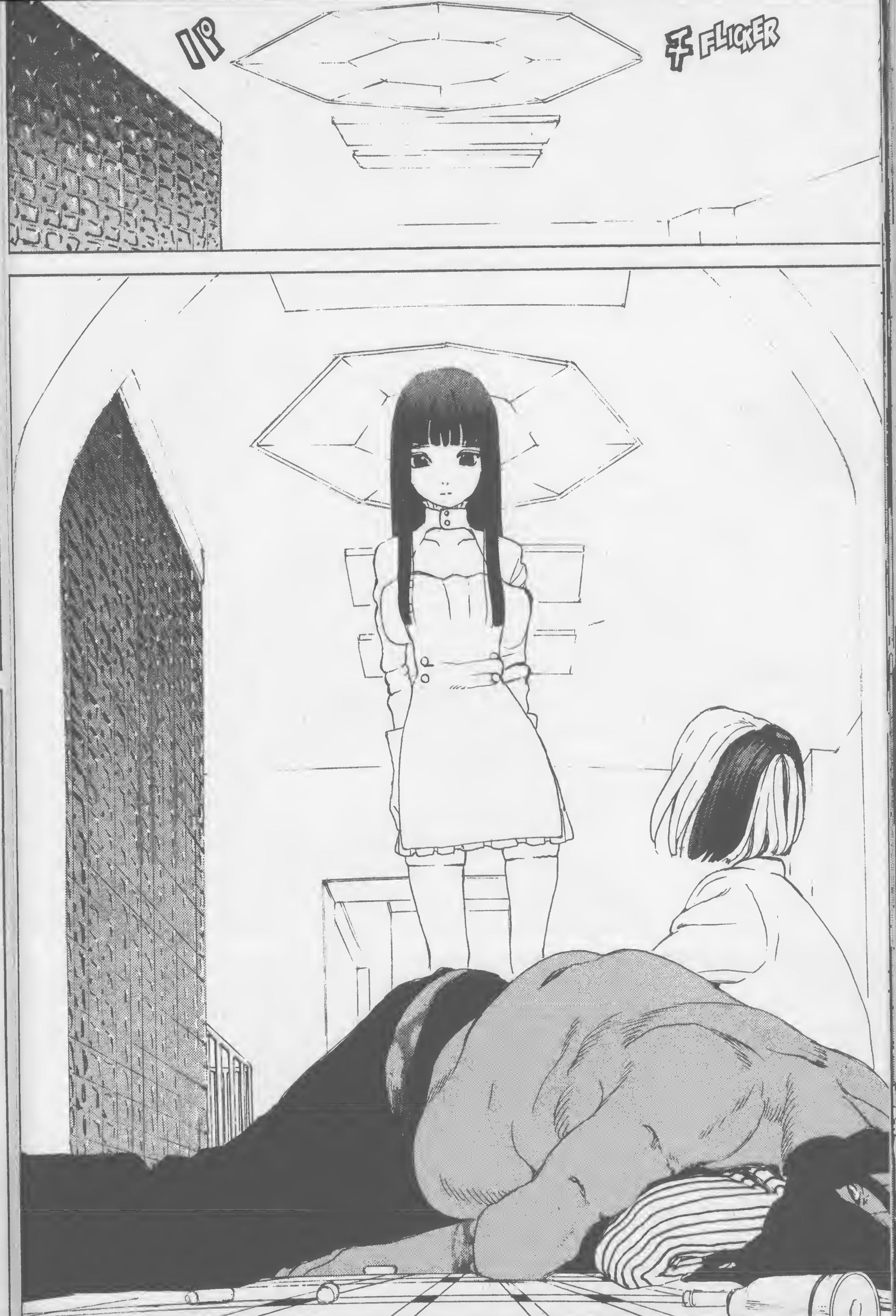

Cheer up, Mince!
...
This is different from the war.
Because we're here now!
Yeah! Yeah!
We'll support you!
I'll take the left!
You're not alone anymore!
I'll keep watch from the back!
Thank you...
Thank you, every-one...
SQUEEZE
Your kindness is so warm...


I know...
...the detectives are with the target.
When I find them I'll split them up! Come on out, cowards!
GLARE
FSSH
!
There she is! ♥
It's the target!
Really? Really? I'm so lucky! ♥


Here's my chance!
I'll come from behind...
...and make my kill!
FLING
SLICE
I did it! ♥


What...
...did you do...
Rare...
BOUNCE
BOUNCE
BOUNCE
BOUNCE
No...
Nooo...


Why are you here?!
What's going on?!
MINCEEEEEEEEEEE!!!
My thermal vision...
I used it to track Balot...
...but what if she was manipulating it?!
Stop fucking with my head!!
Get out here, you hacker bitch!!!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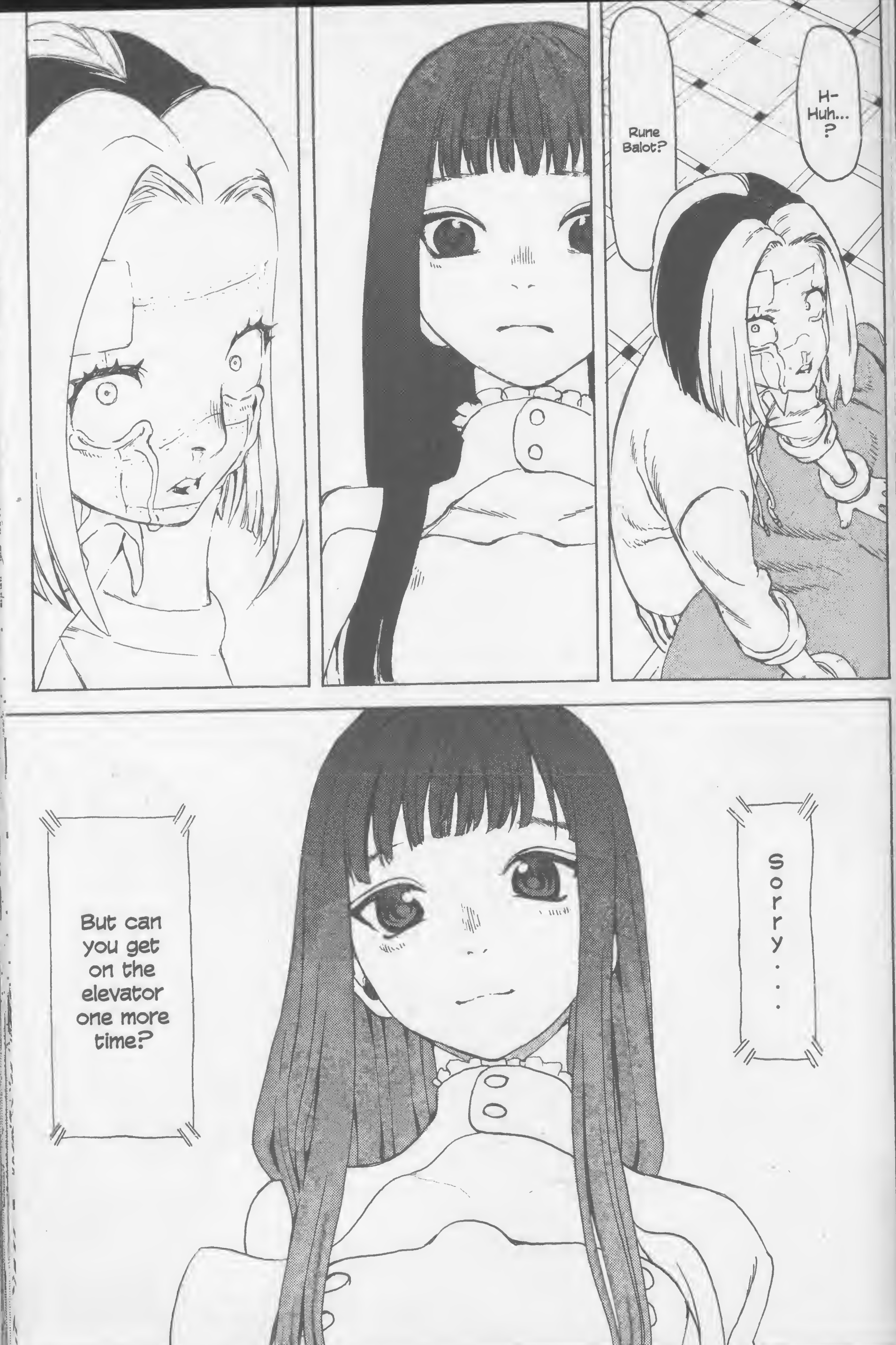
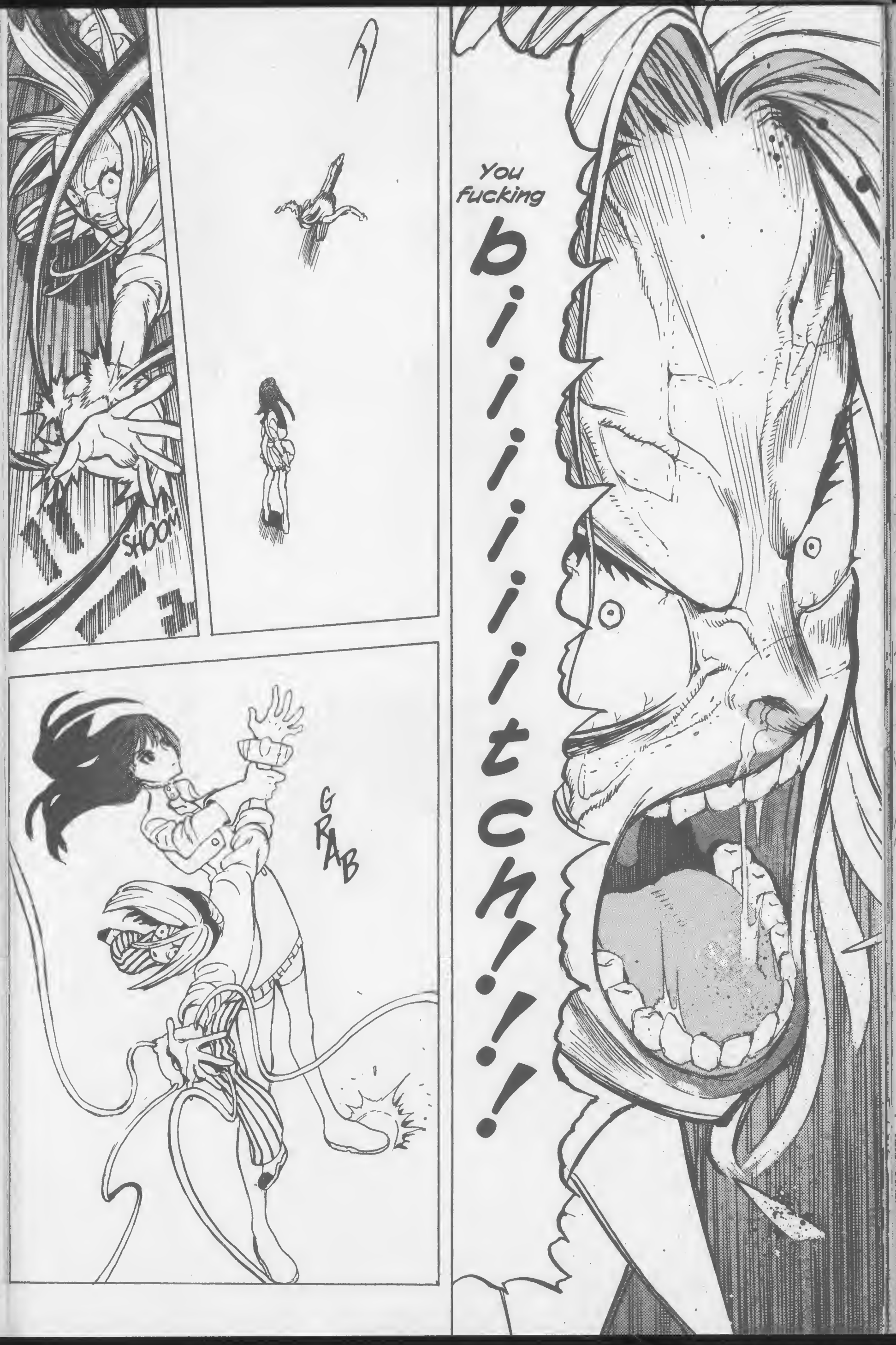
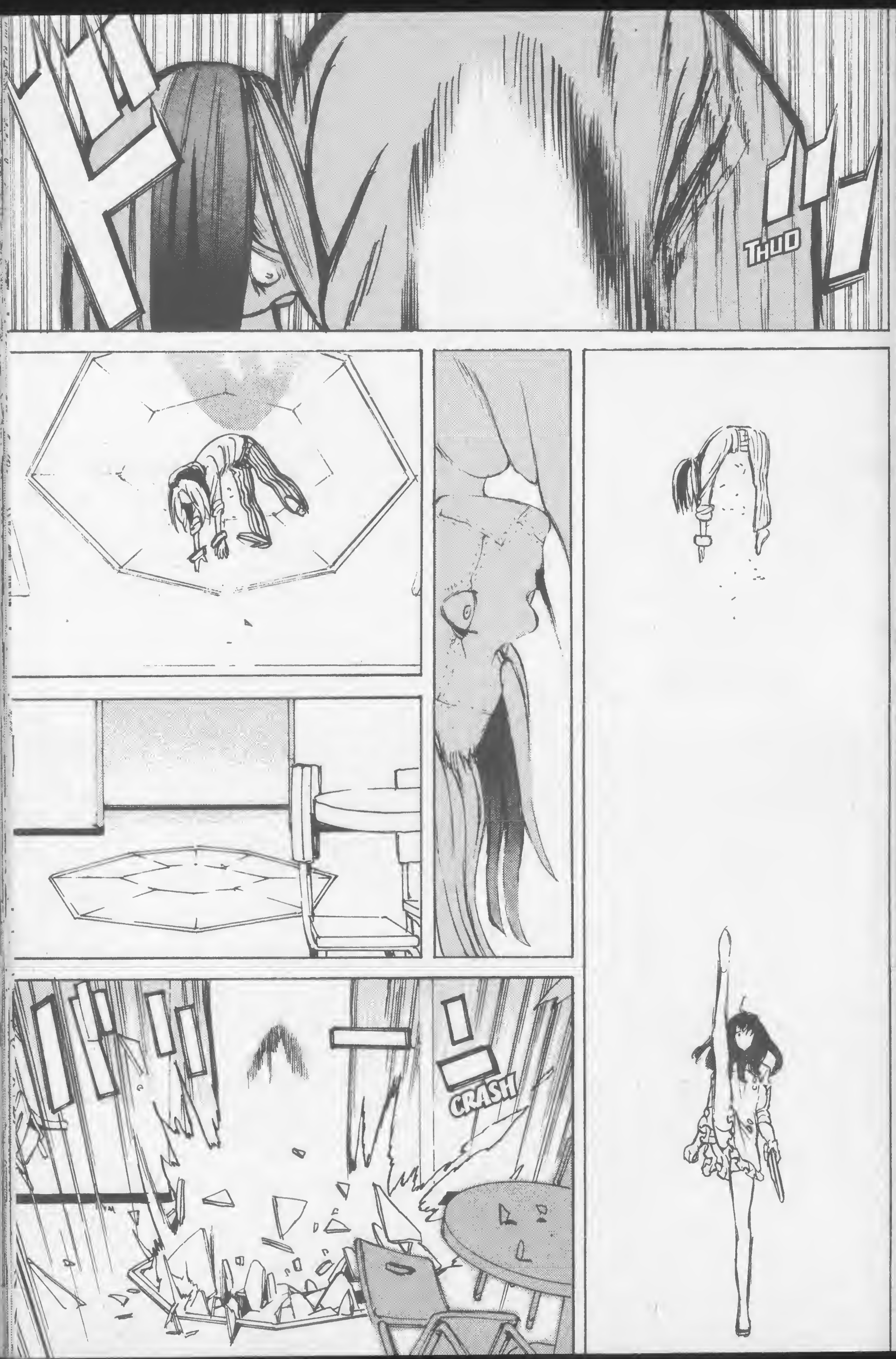
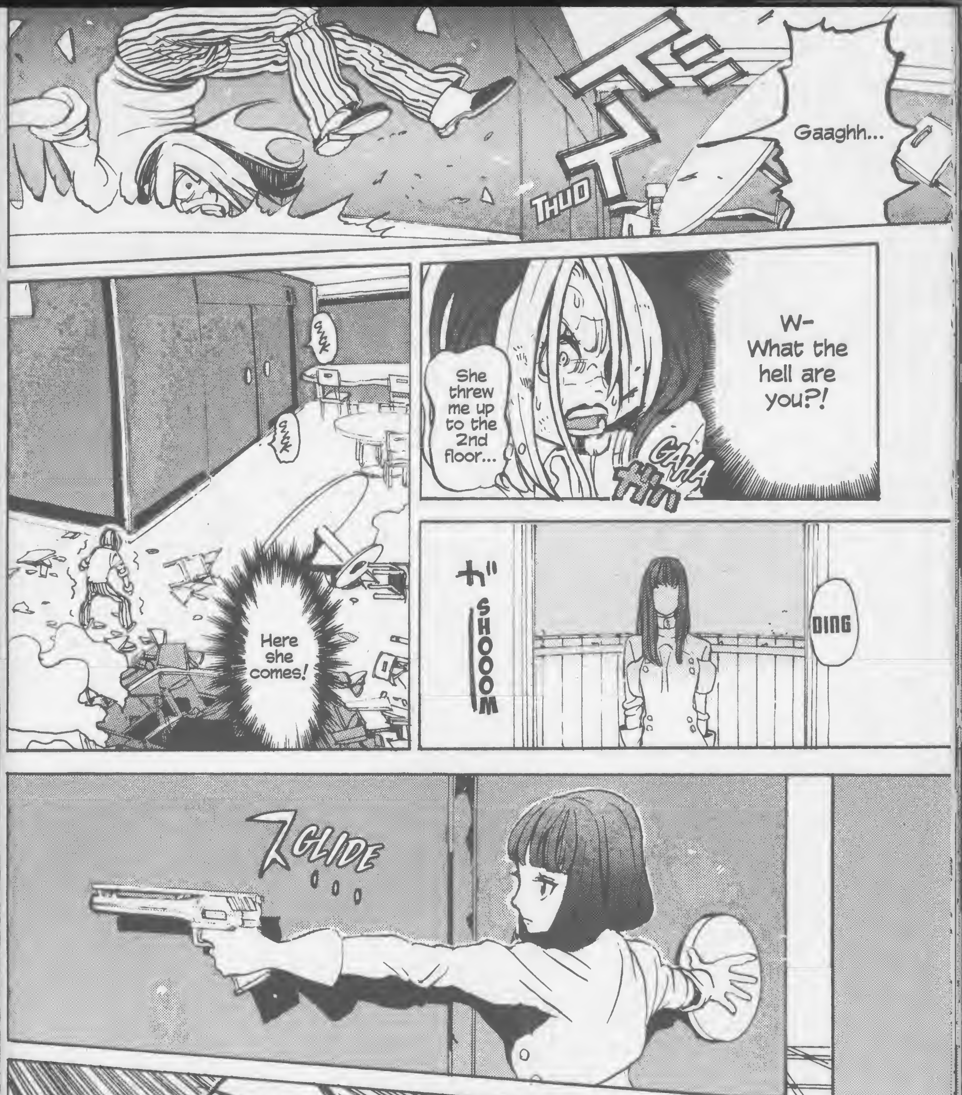
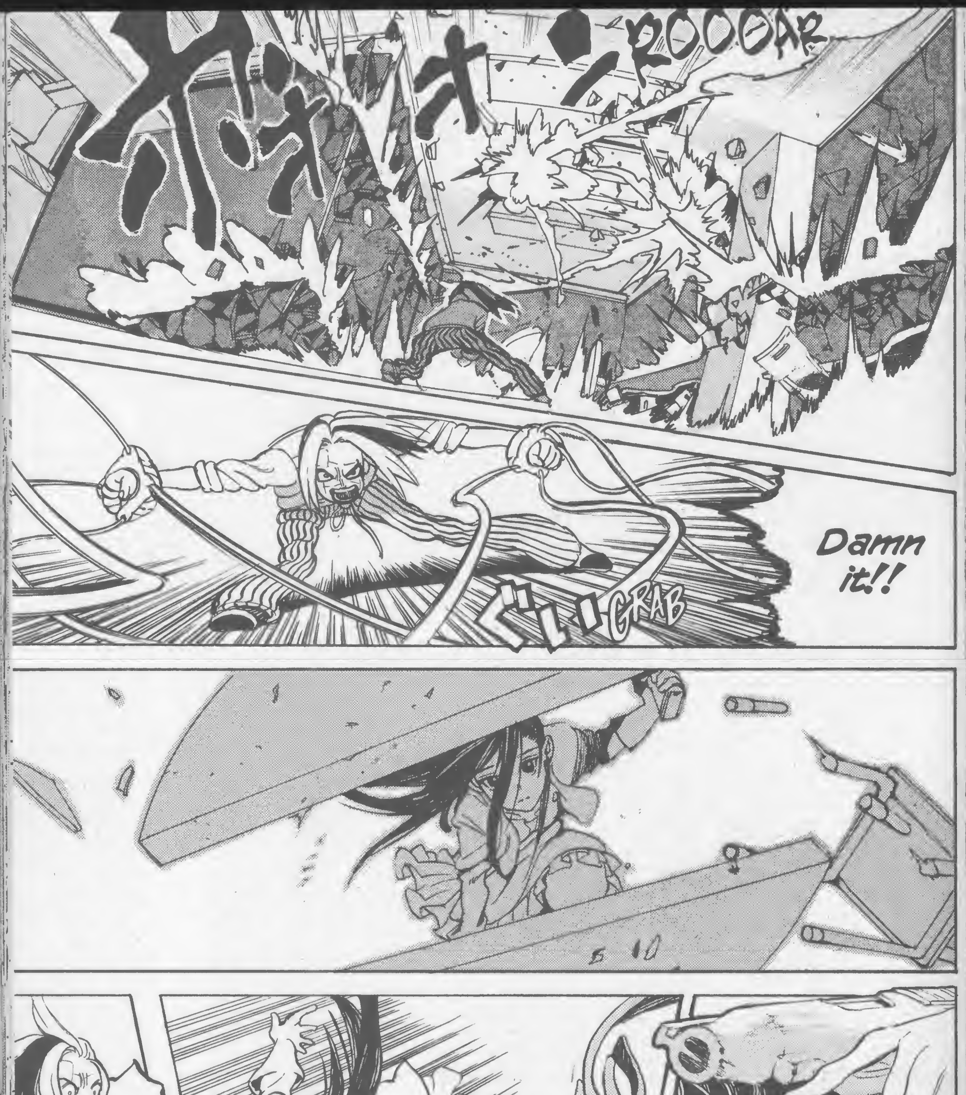
ピ

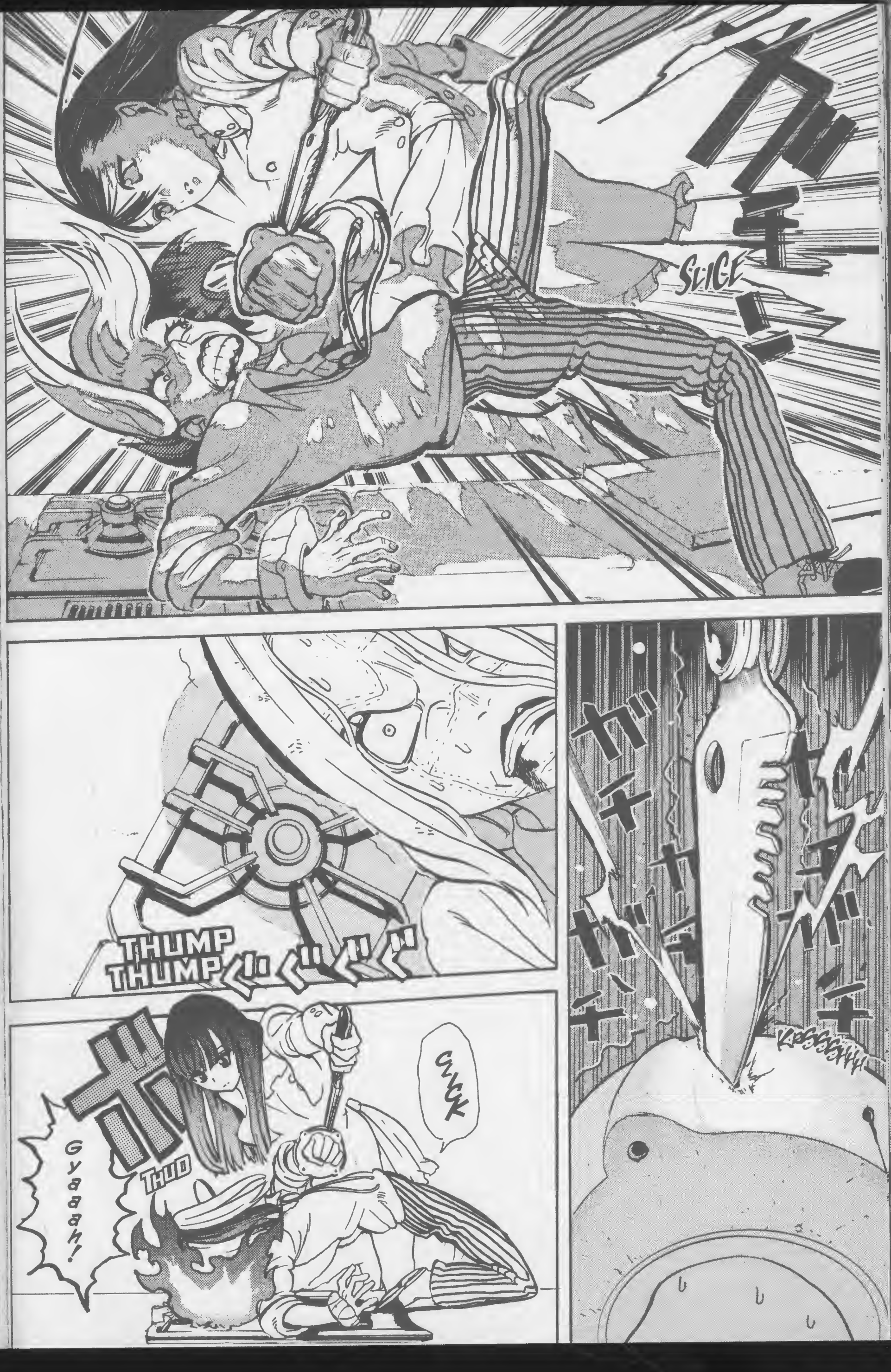

H-Huh...?
Rune Balot?
Sorry...
But can you get on the elevator one more time?

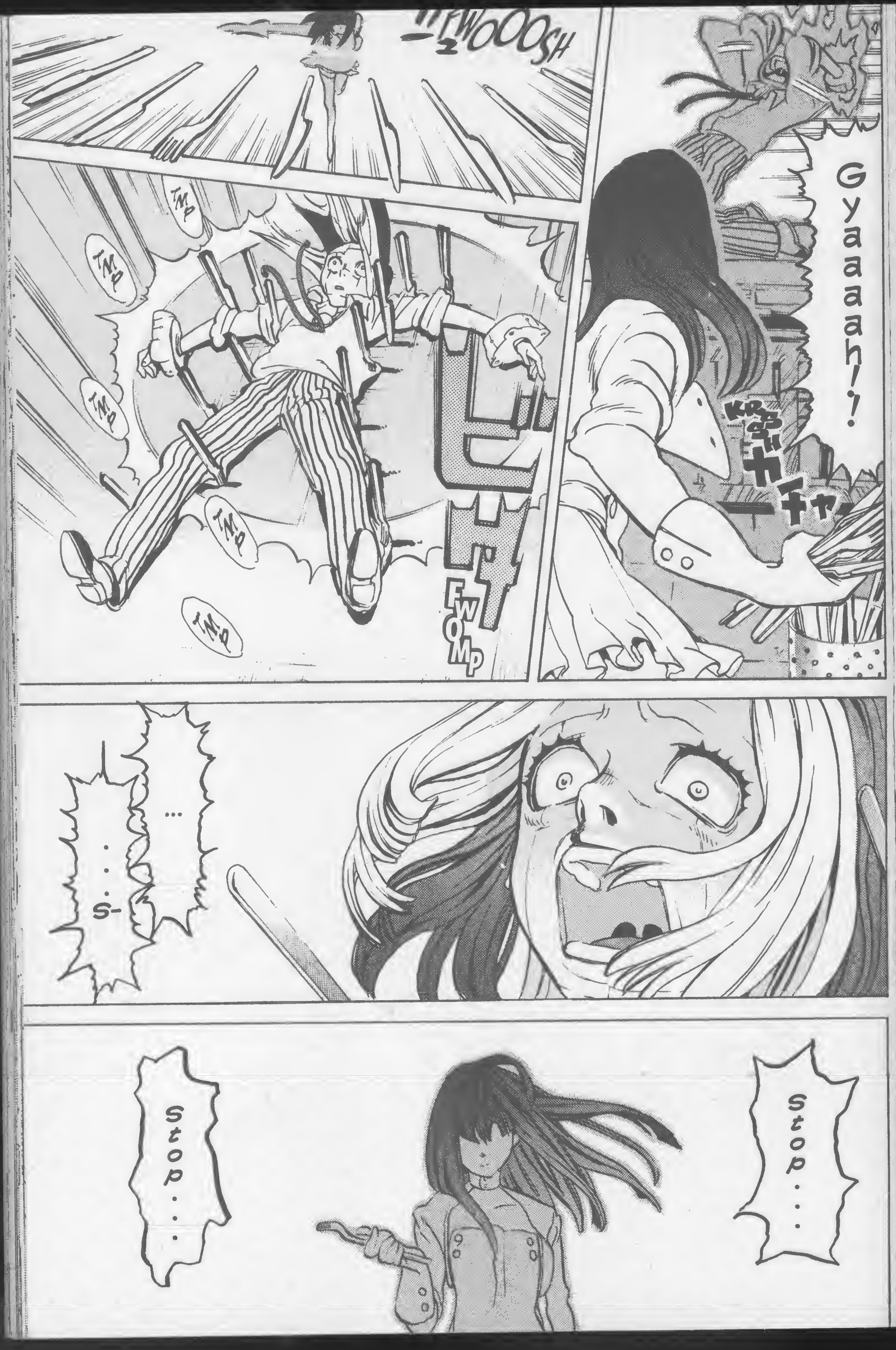

You fucking biiiiiiitch!!!!
SHOOM
GRAB

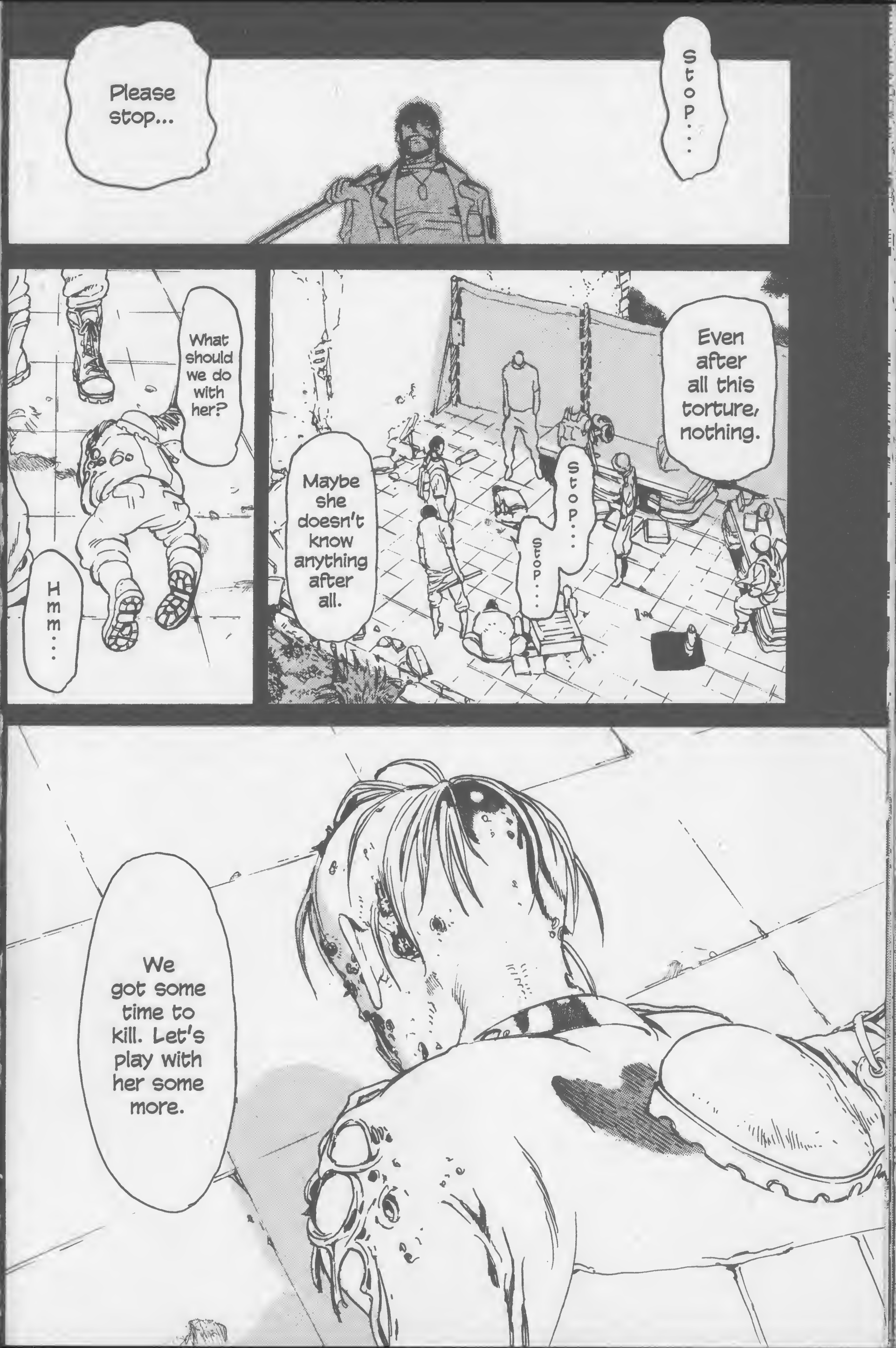

THUD
CRASH

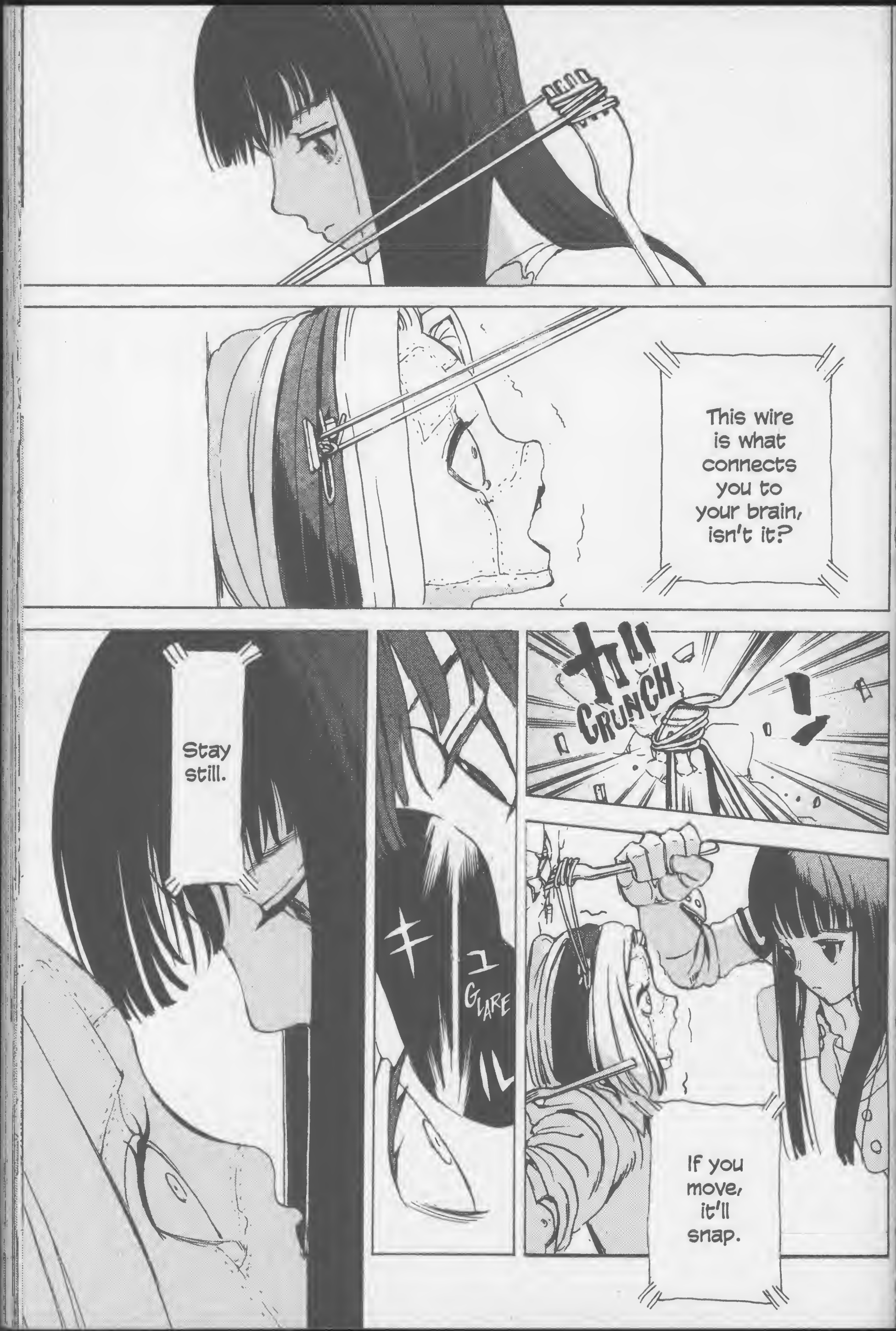

Gaaghh...
THUD
W- What the hell are you?!
She threw me up to the 2nd floor...
GAHA
HUU
CLICK
CLICK
Here she comes!
DING
SHOOOM
GLIDE
Die!!
SHHH

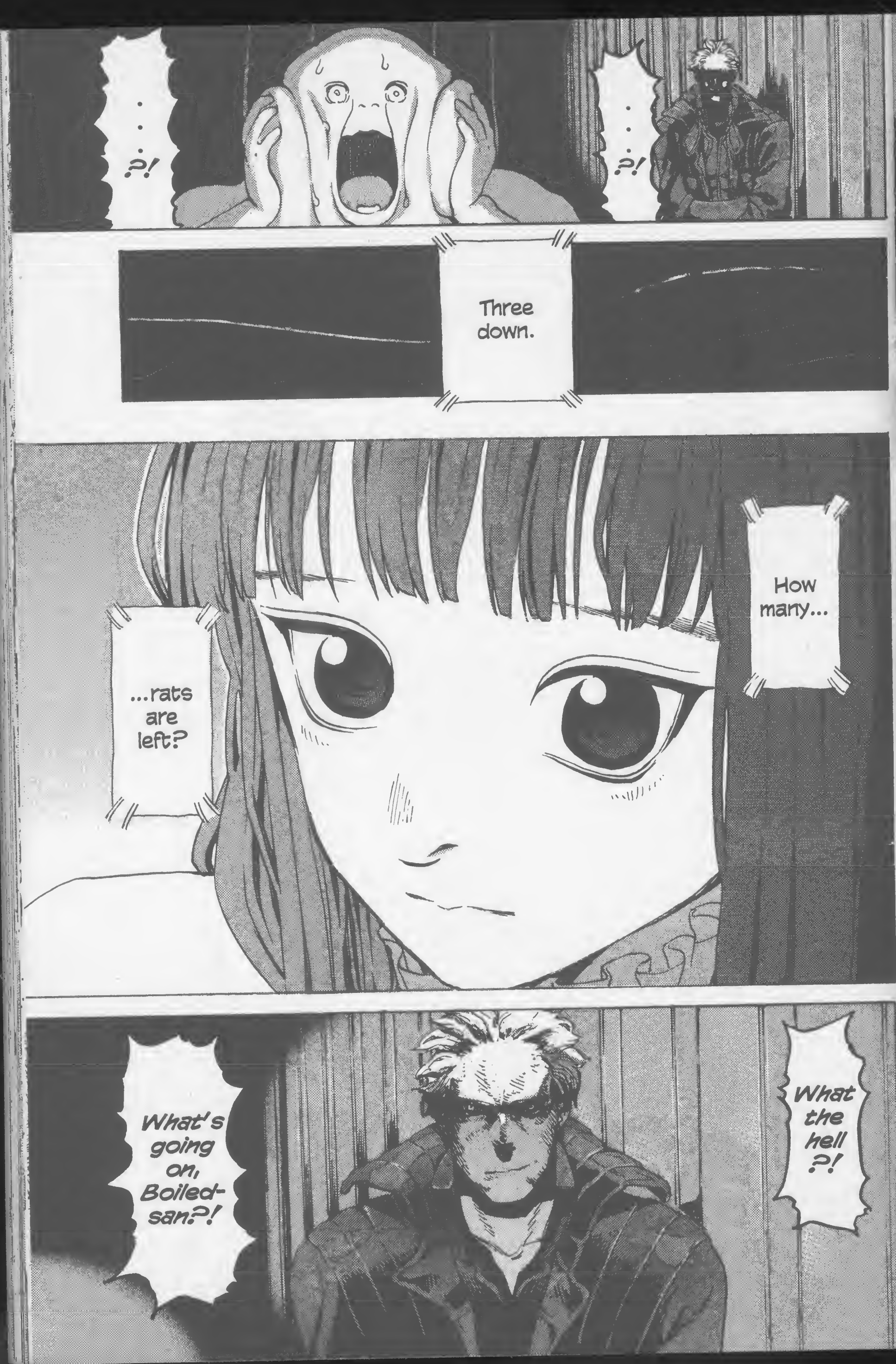

ROOOAR
Damn it!!
GRAB
SCWICK
GNYA
Ahh!

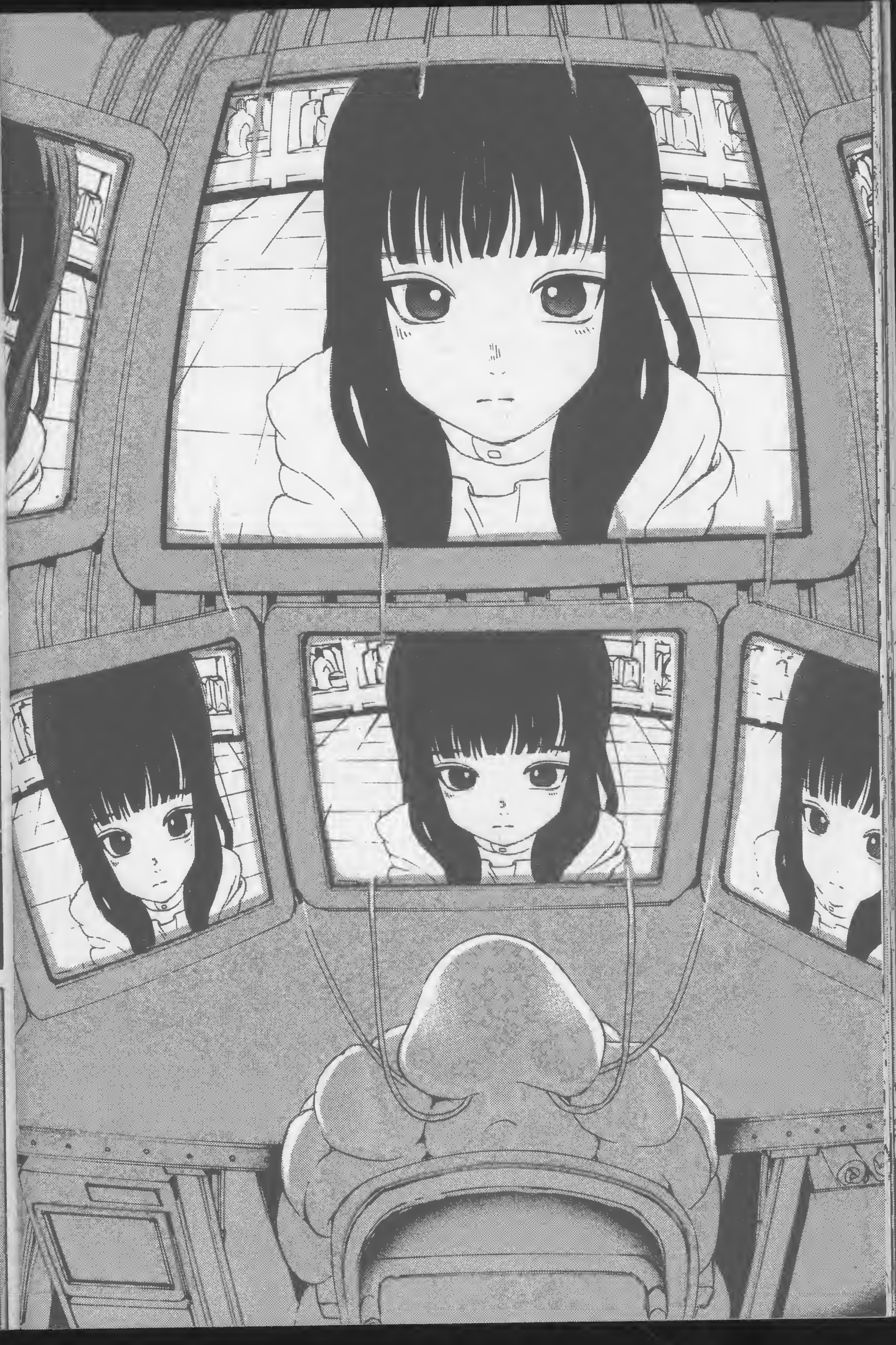

SLICE
チーン
THUMP THUMP ぐぐぐぐ
ガキャ
ガキャ
ガキャ
KRSSSSHHH
Gyaaaah!
ゴ
THUD
CLICK


FWOOOSH
Gyaaaah!!
KRSSH カチャ
TNP
TNP
TNP
TNP
TNP
TNP
ビシッ
FWOMP
...
... S-
Stop...
Stop...


Stop...
Please stop...
Even after all this torture, nothing.
Stop...
Stop...
Maybe she doesn't know anything after all.
What should we do with her?
Hmm...
We got some time to kill. Let's play with her some more.


This wire is what connects you to your brain, isn't it?
CRUNCH
If you move, it'll snap.
GLARE
Stay still.


...?!
...?!
Three down.
How many...
...rats are left?
What the hell?!
What's going on, Boiled-san?!



MARDOCK
SCRAMBLE

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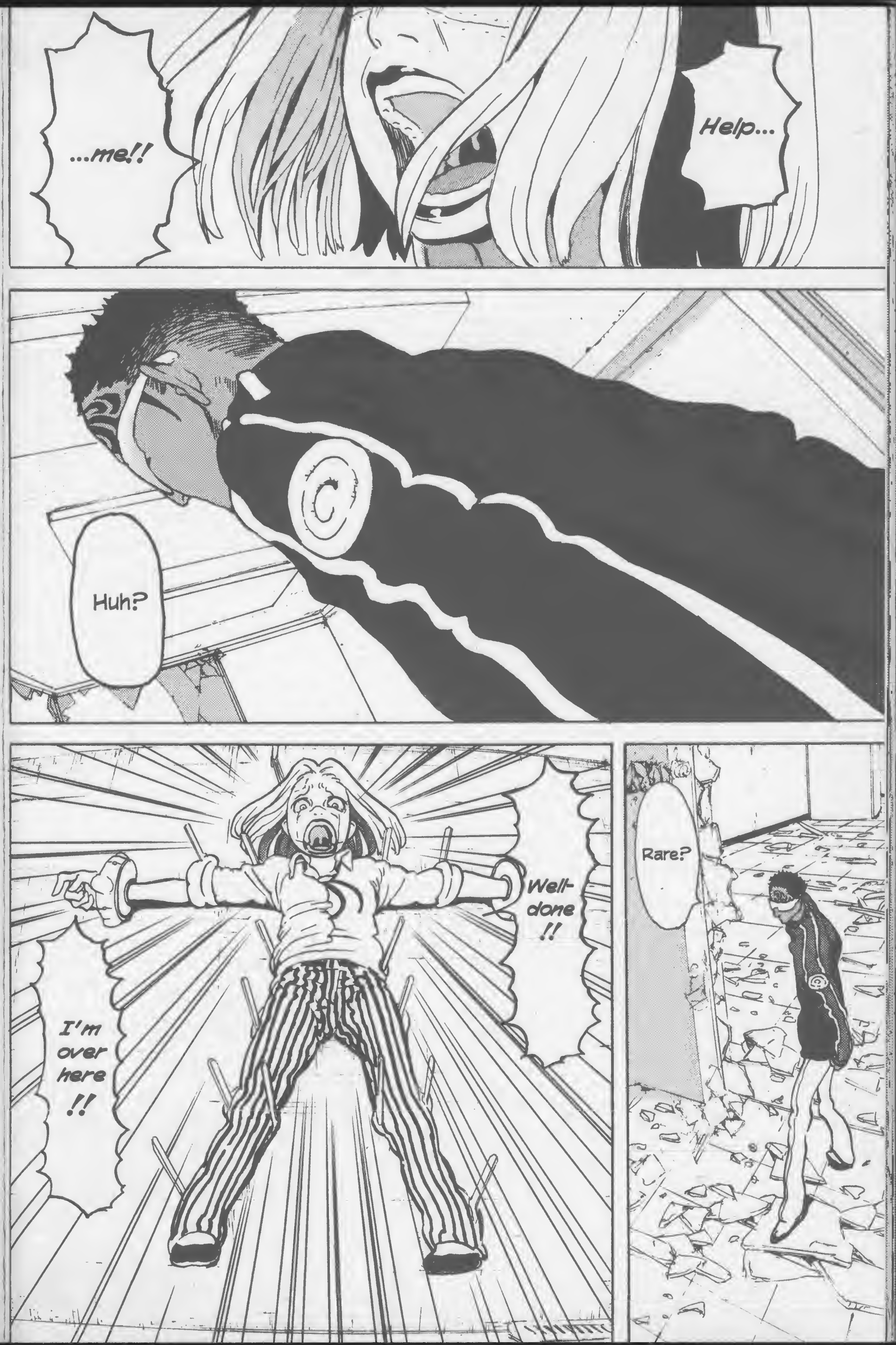
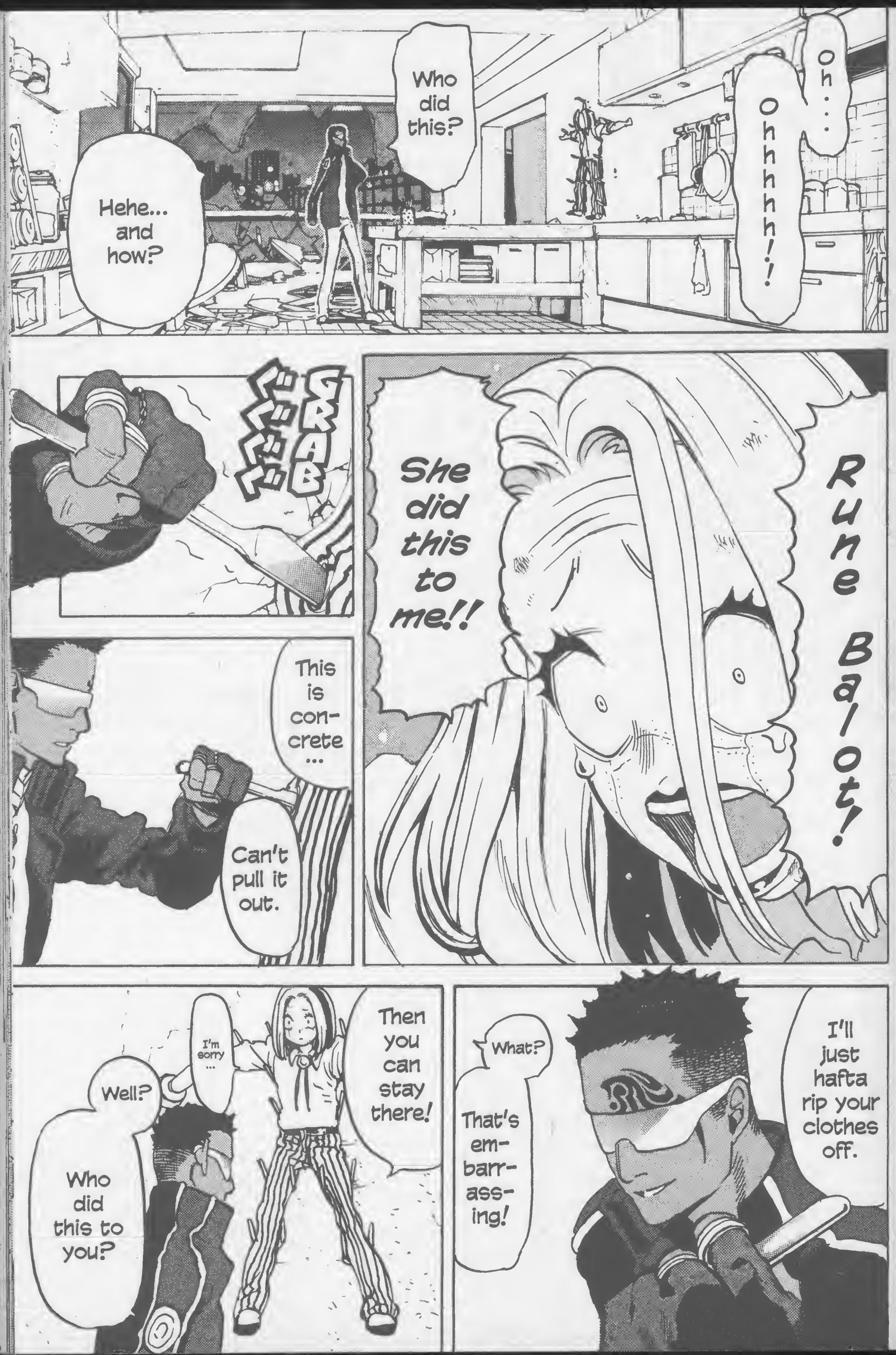
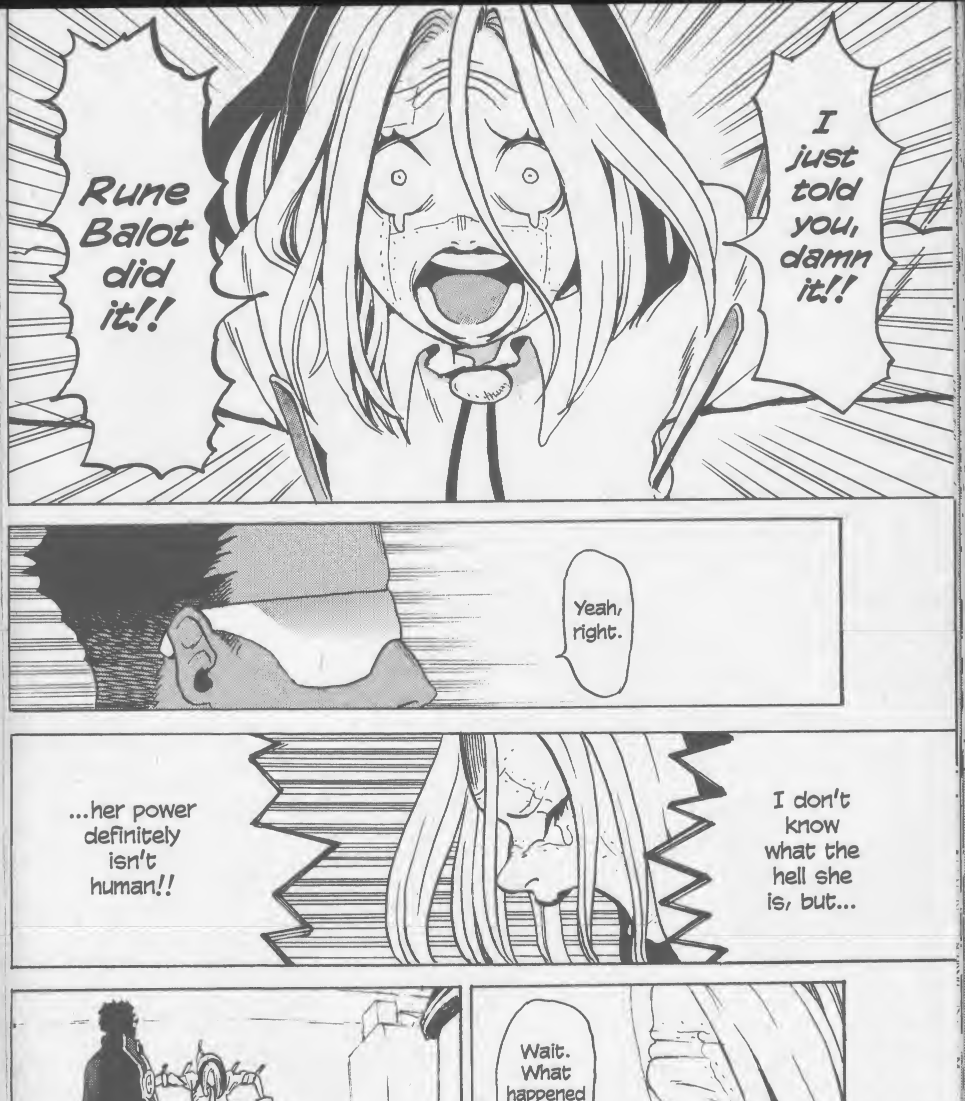
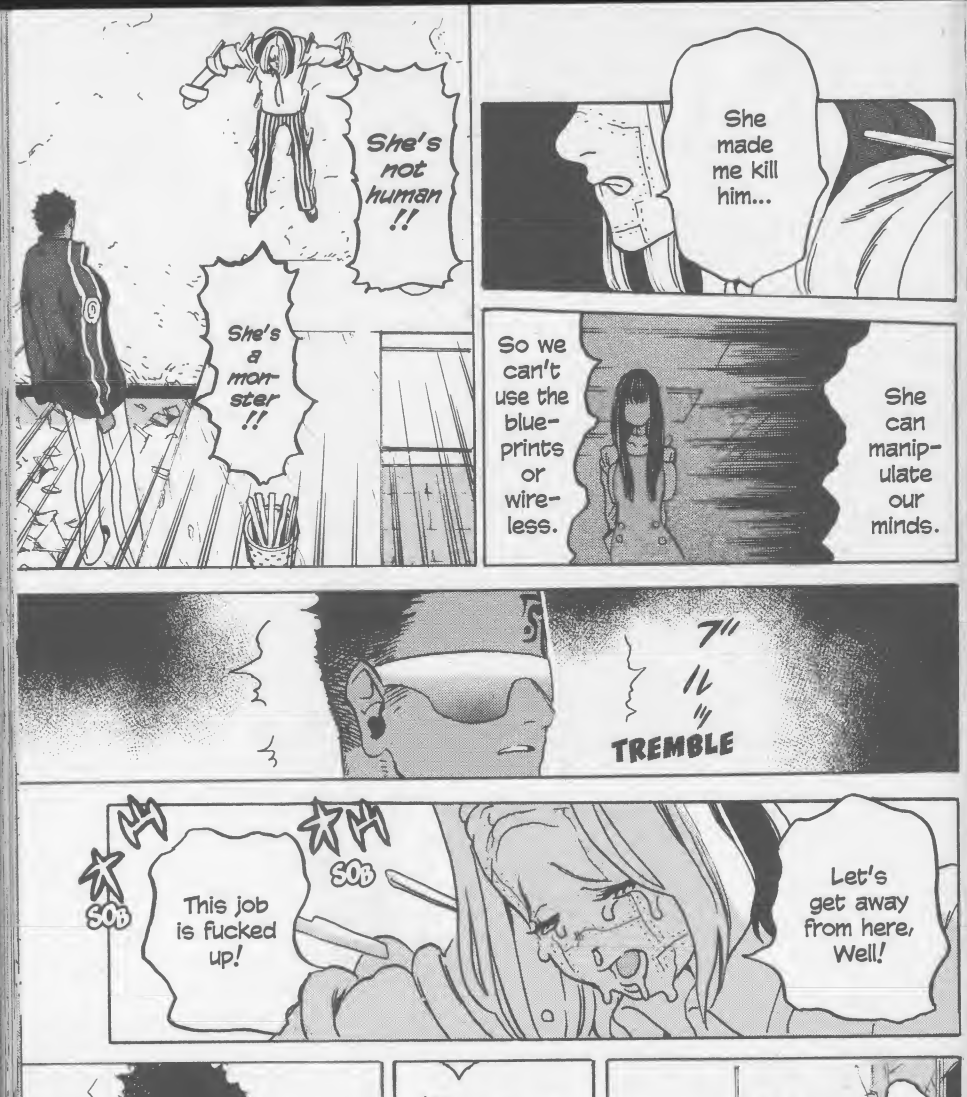
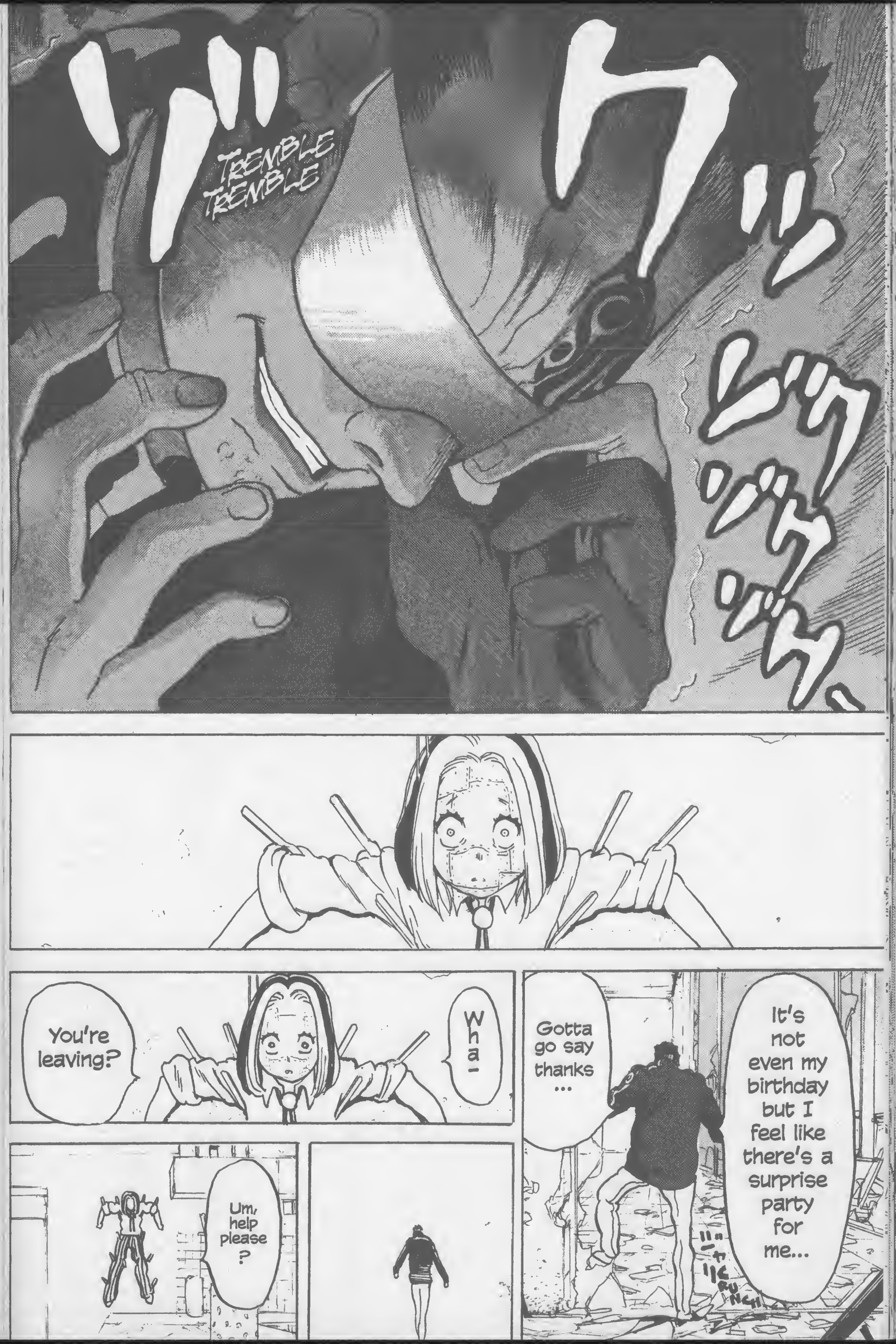
MARDOCK SCRAMBLE

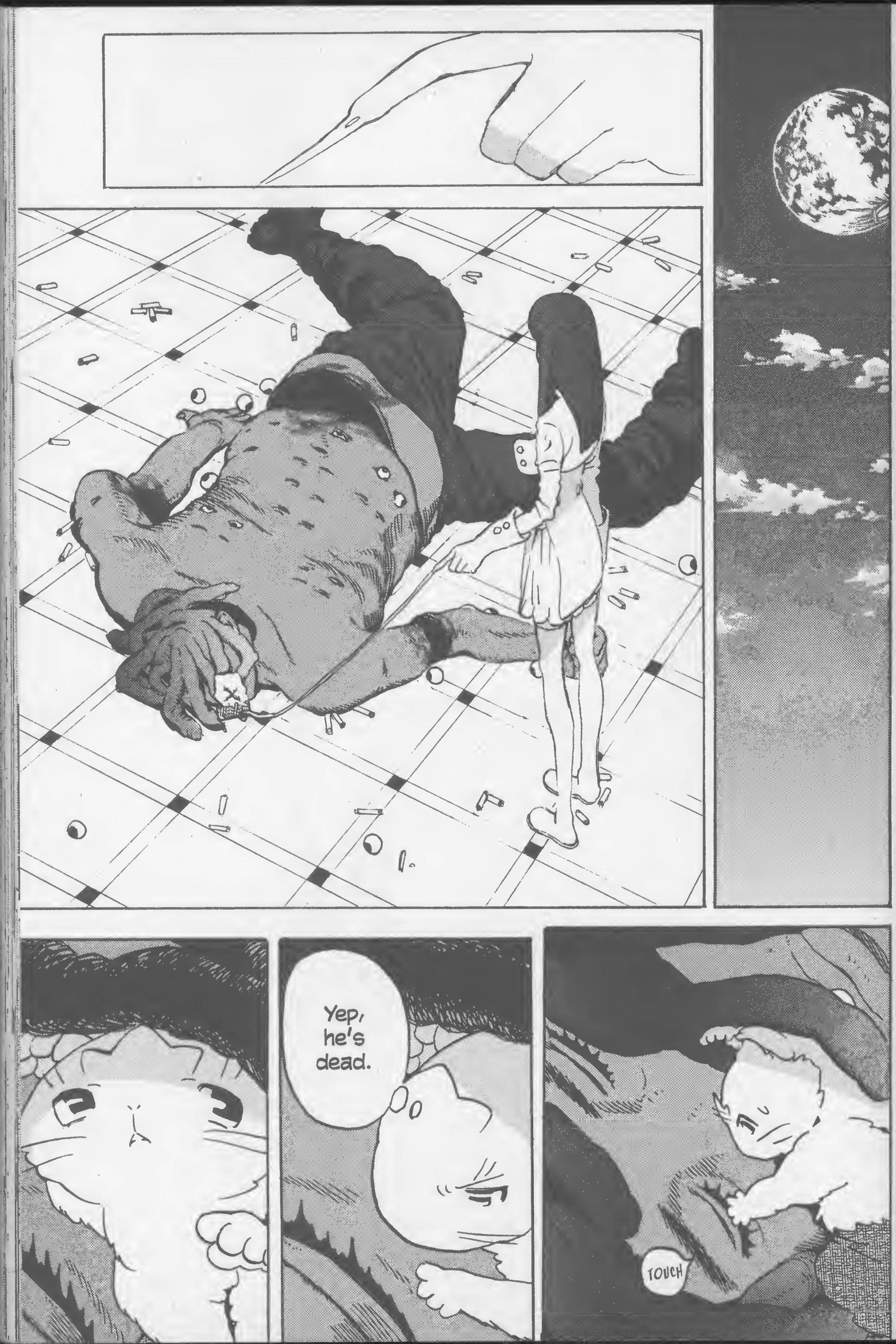

Help...
...me!!
Huh?
Rare?
Well-done!!
I'm over here!!

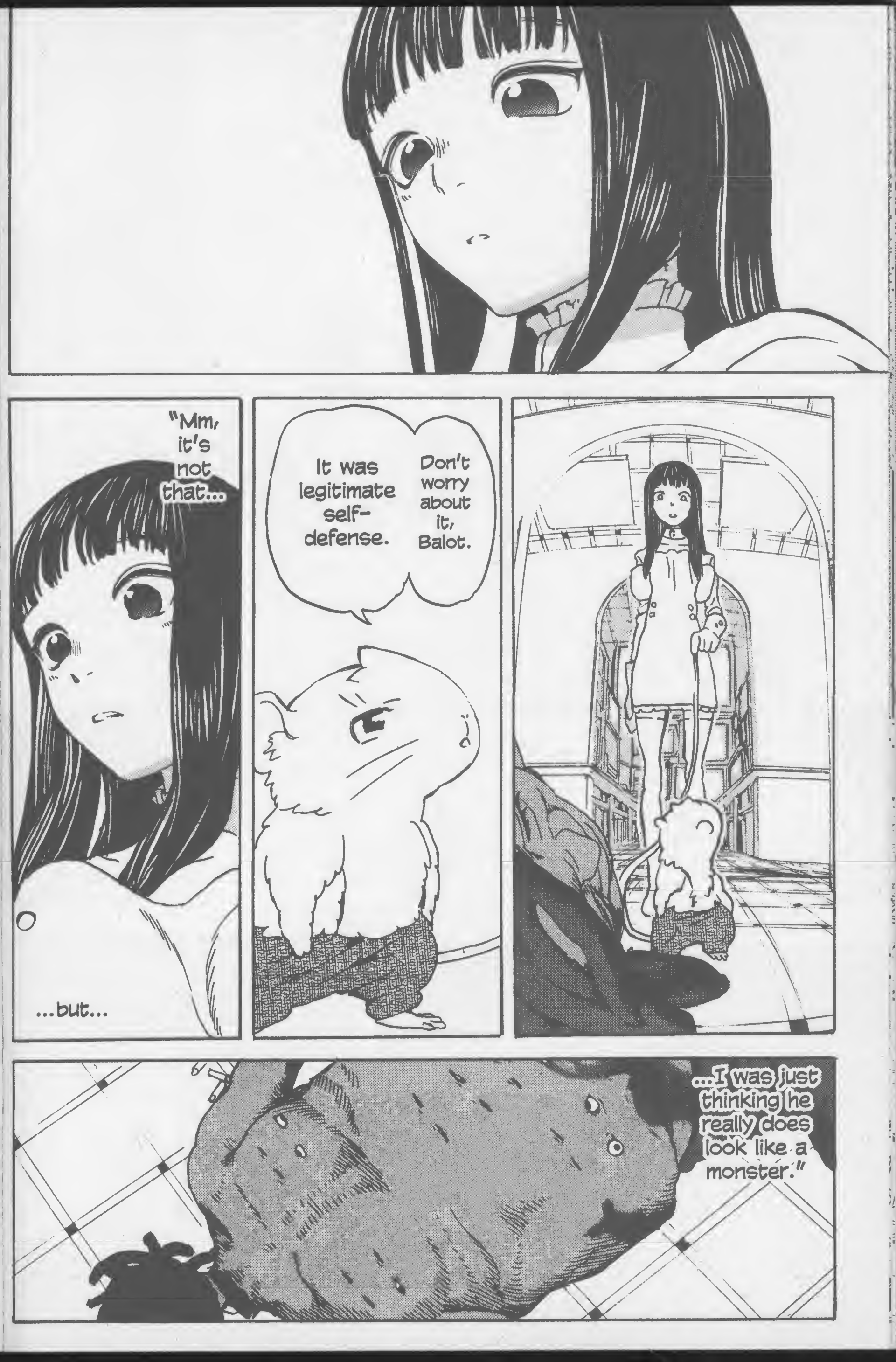

Oh...
Ohhhhh!!
Who did this?
Hehe... and how?
Rune Balot!
She did this to me!!
GRAB
This is concrete...
Can't pull it out.
I'll just hafta rip your clothes off.
What?
That's embarrassing!
Then you can stay there!
I'm sorry...
Well?
Who did this to you?

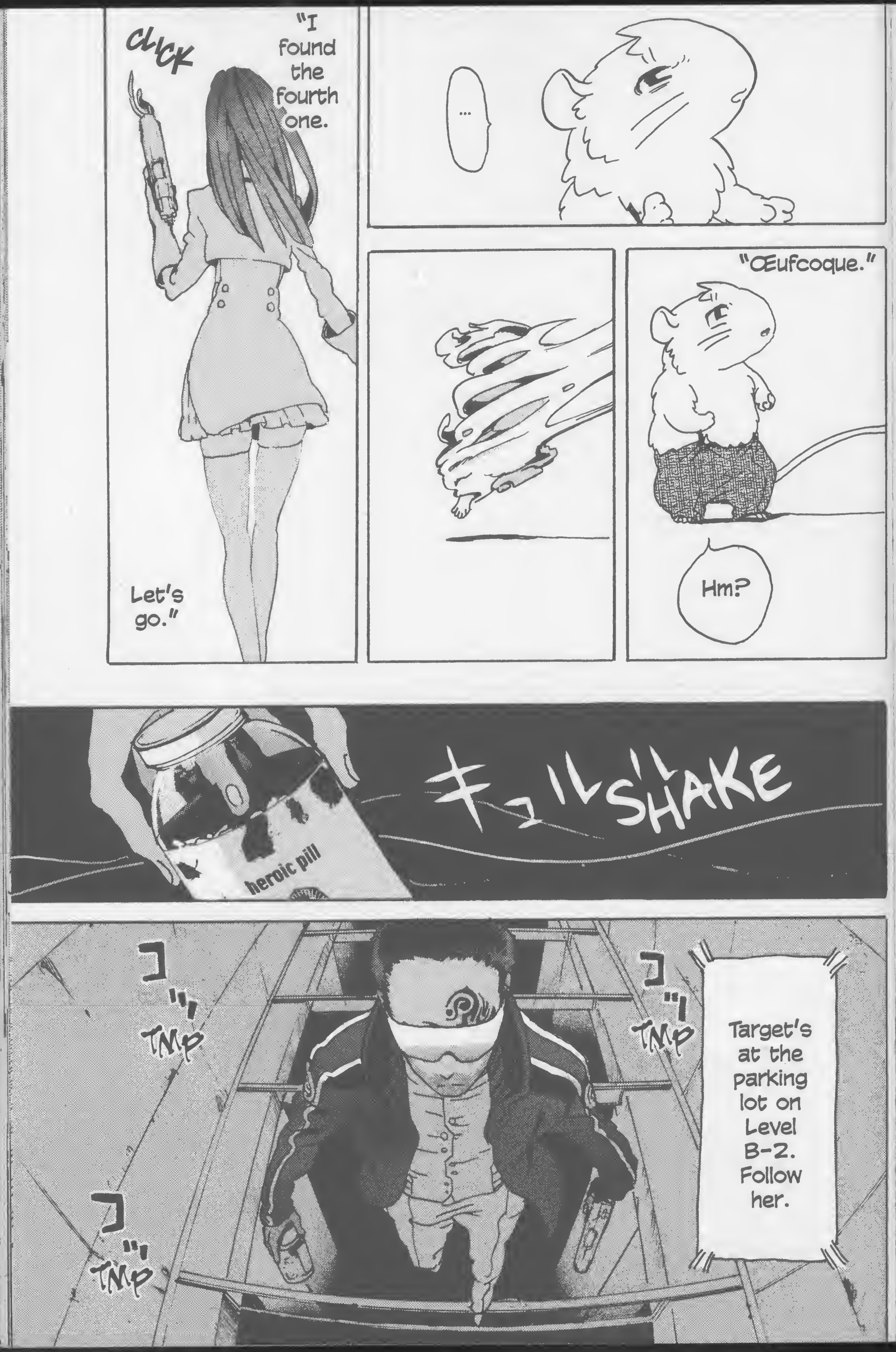

I just told you, damn it!!
Rune Balot did it!!
Yeah, right.
I don't know what the hell she is, but...
...her power definitely isn't human!!
Wait. What happened to Mince?
He's dead.


She's not human!!
She's a monster!!
She made me kill him...
She can manipulate our minds.
So we can't use the blueprints or wireless.
TREMBLE
Let's get away from here, Well!
SOB
This job is fucked up!
SOB
Yeah...
Yeah...
Welldone... you're shaking...
Are you scared?


ゾクッ
TREMBLE TREMBLE
ゾクゾクゾク、
Gotta go say thanks…
It's not even my birthday but I feel like there's a surprise party for me...
CRUNCH
Wha-
You're leaving?
Um, help please?


Yep, he's dead.
TOUCH


Don't worry about it, Balot.
It was legitimate self-defense.
"Mm, it's not that...
...but...
...I was just thinking he really does look like a monster."


...
"Œufcoque."
Hm?
CLICK
"I found the fourth one.
Let's go."
キュル
SHAKE
heroic pill
コッ
TMP
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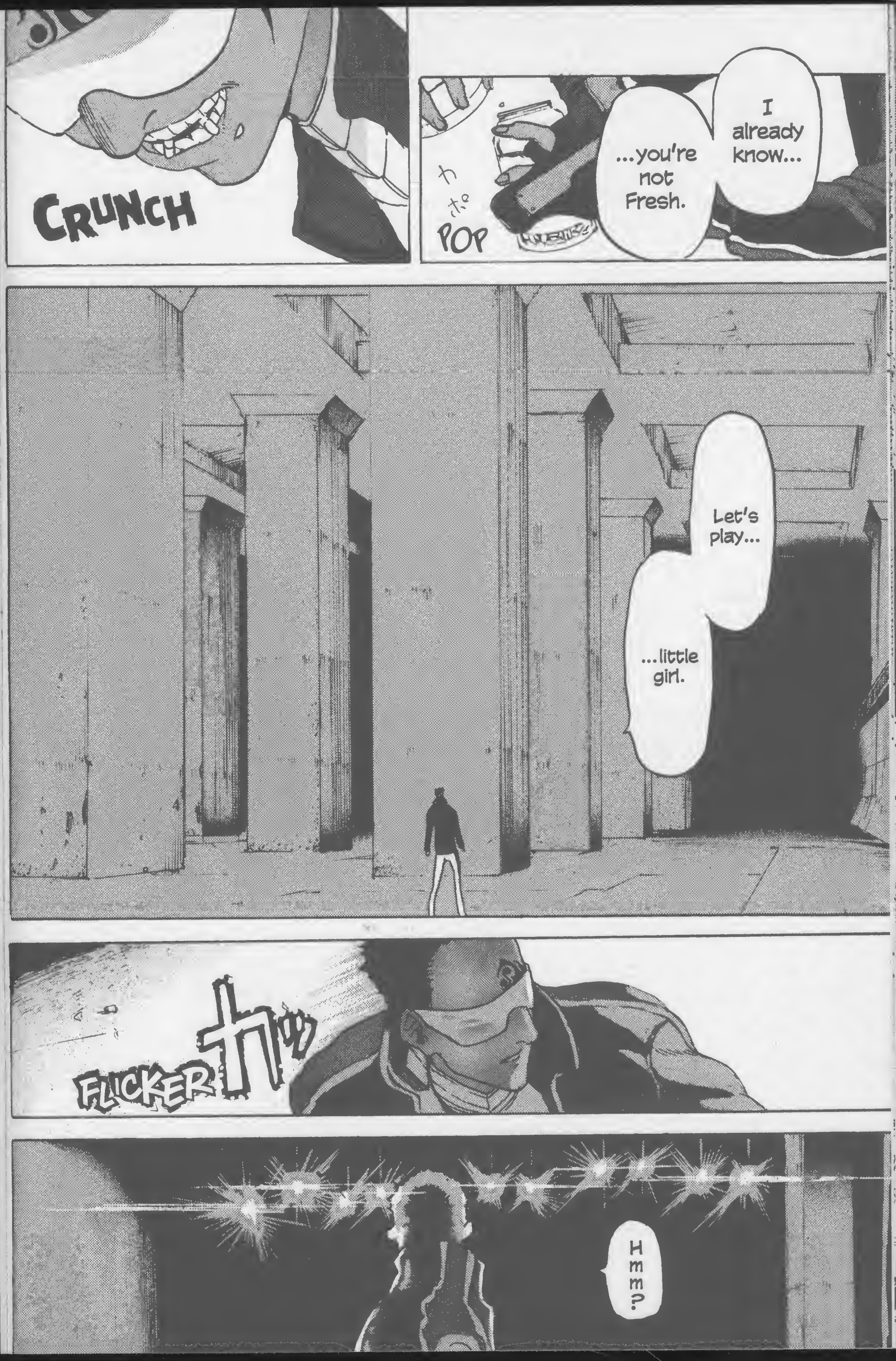
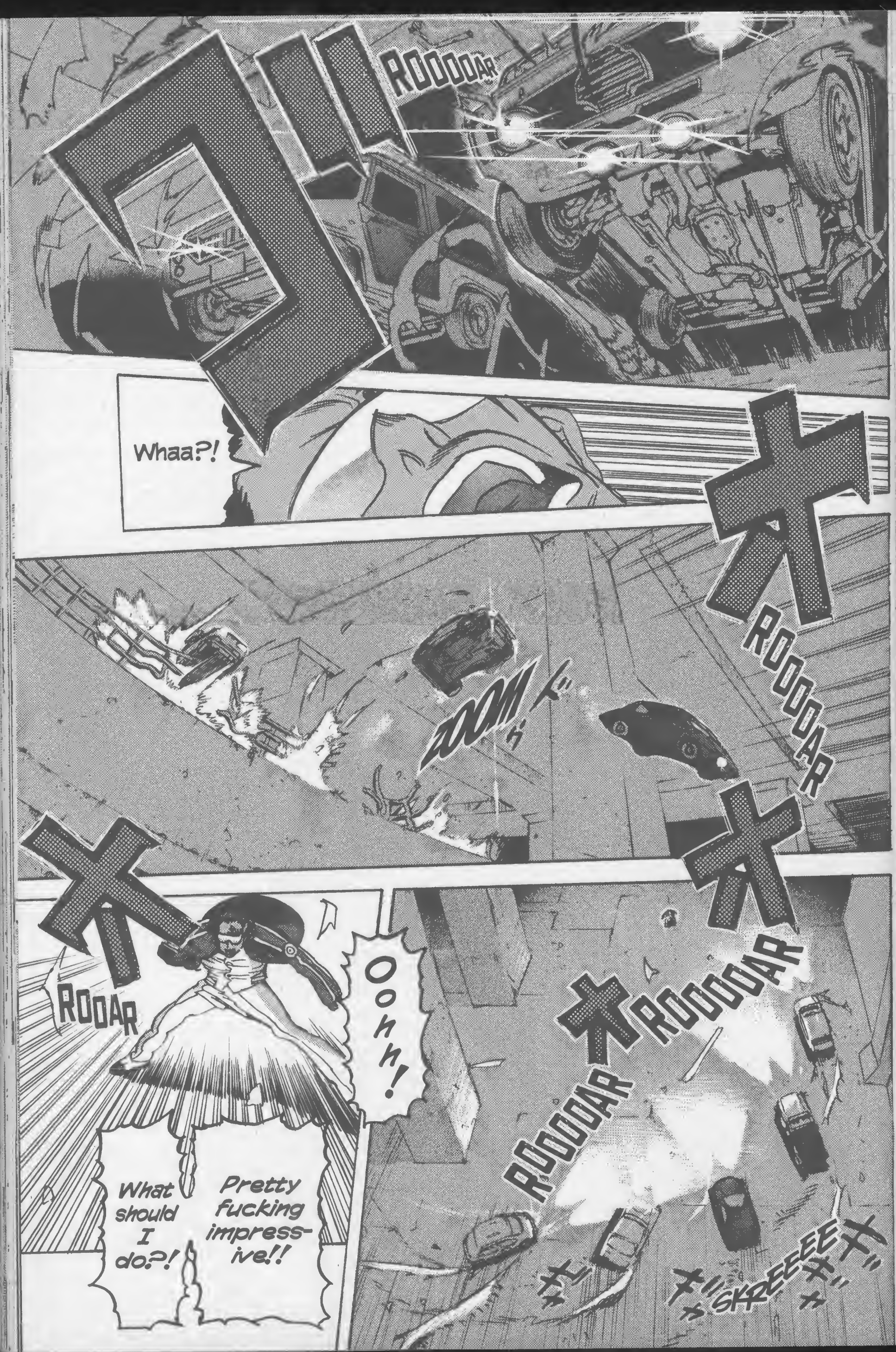
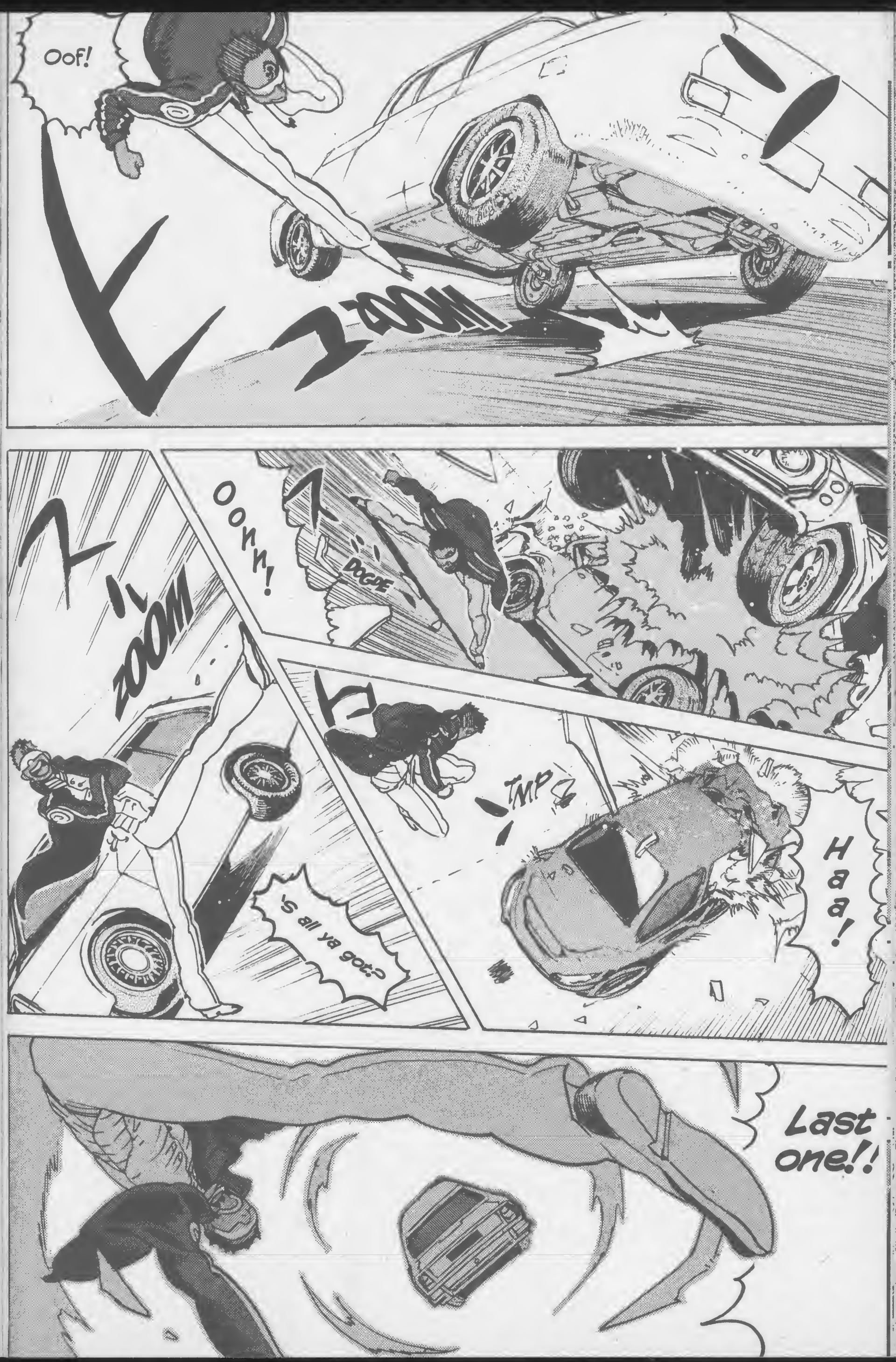
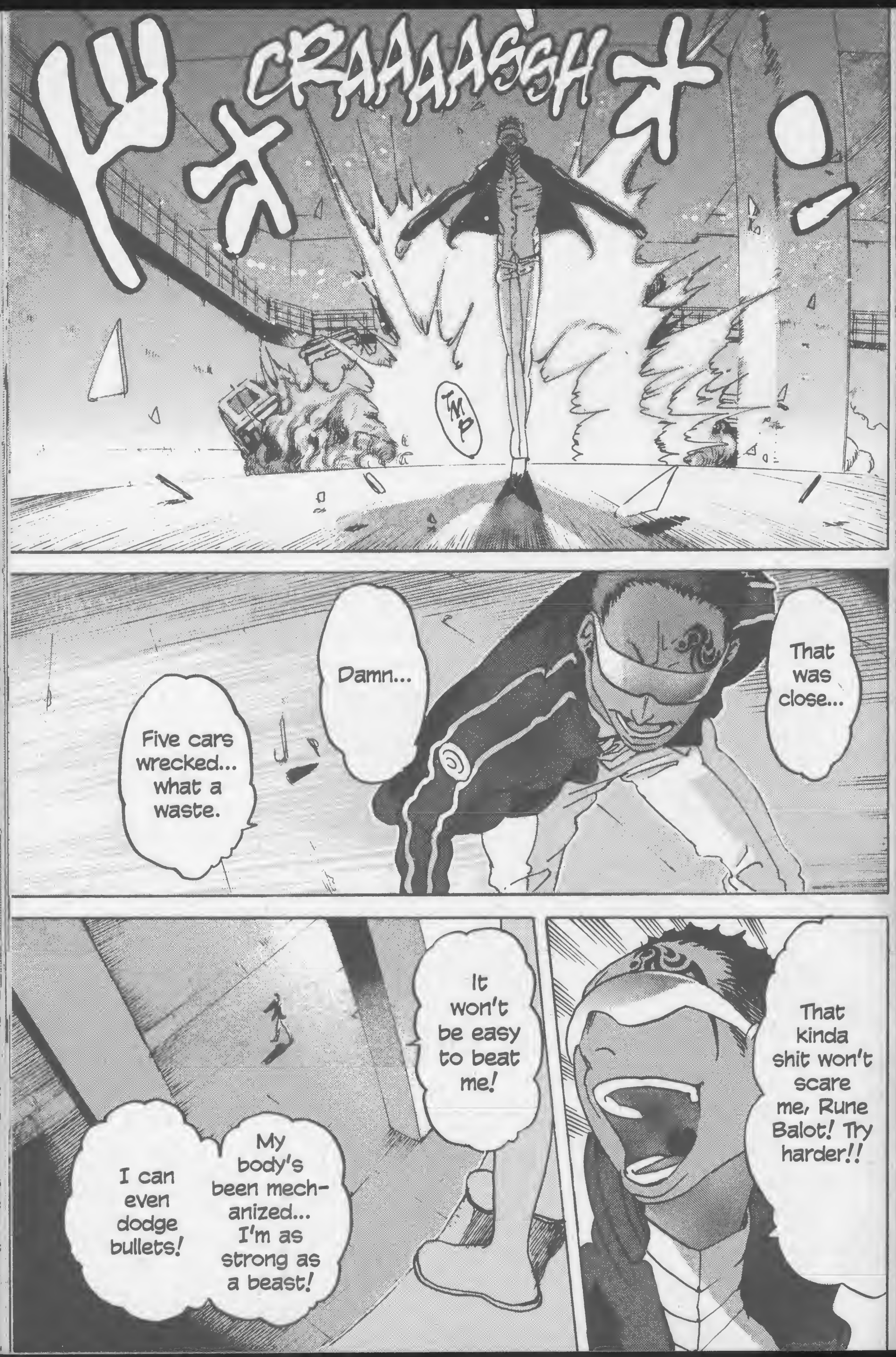
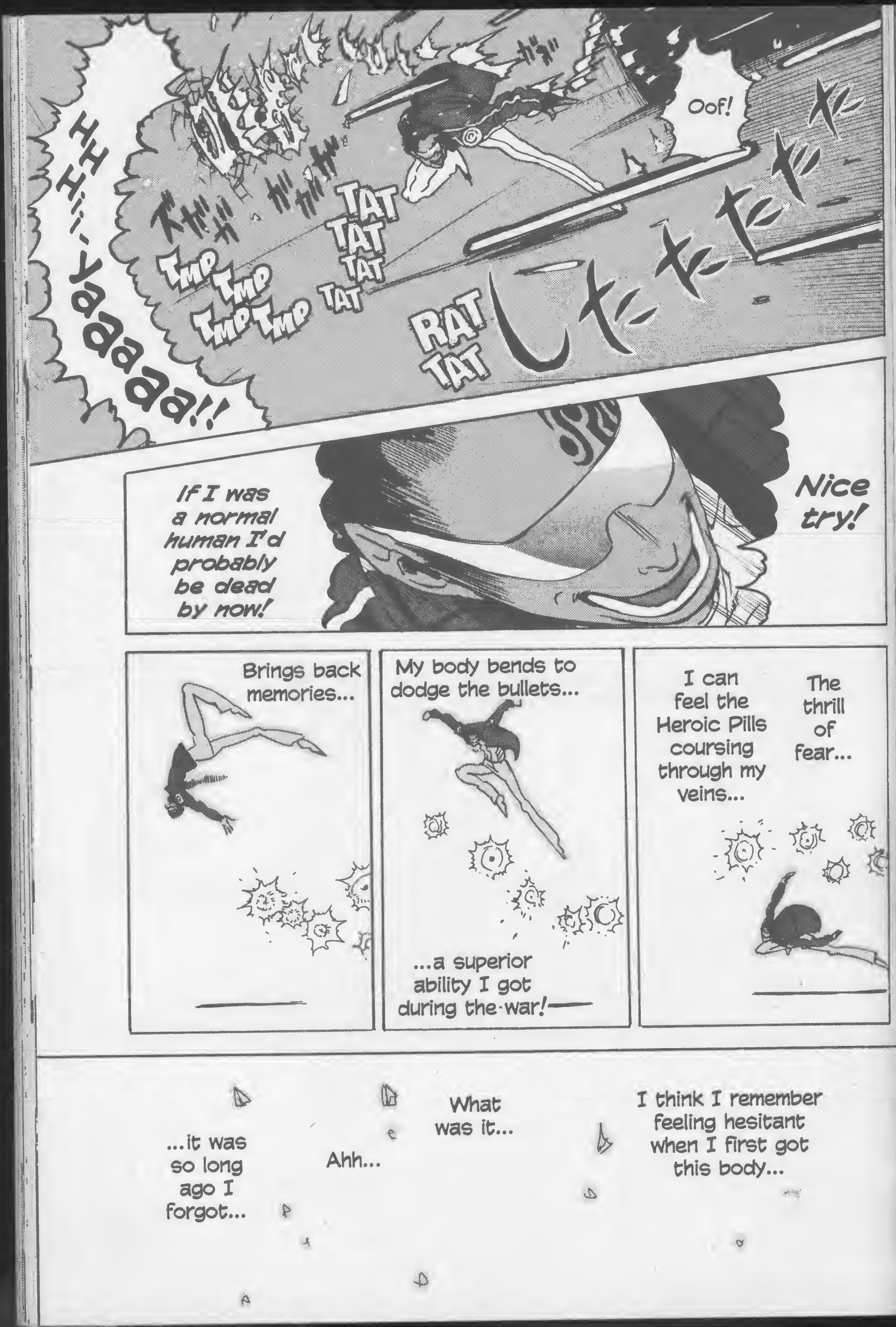
TMP
コッ
TMP
Target's at the parking lot on Level B-2. Follow her.

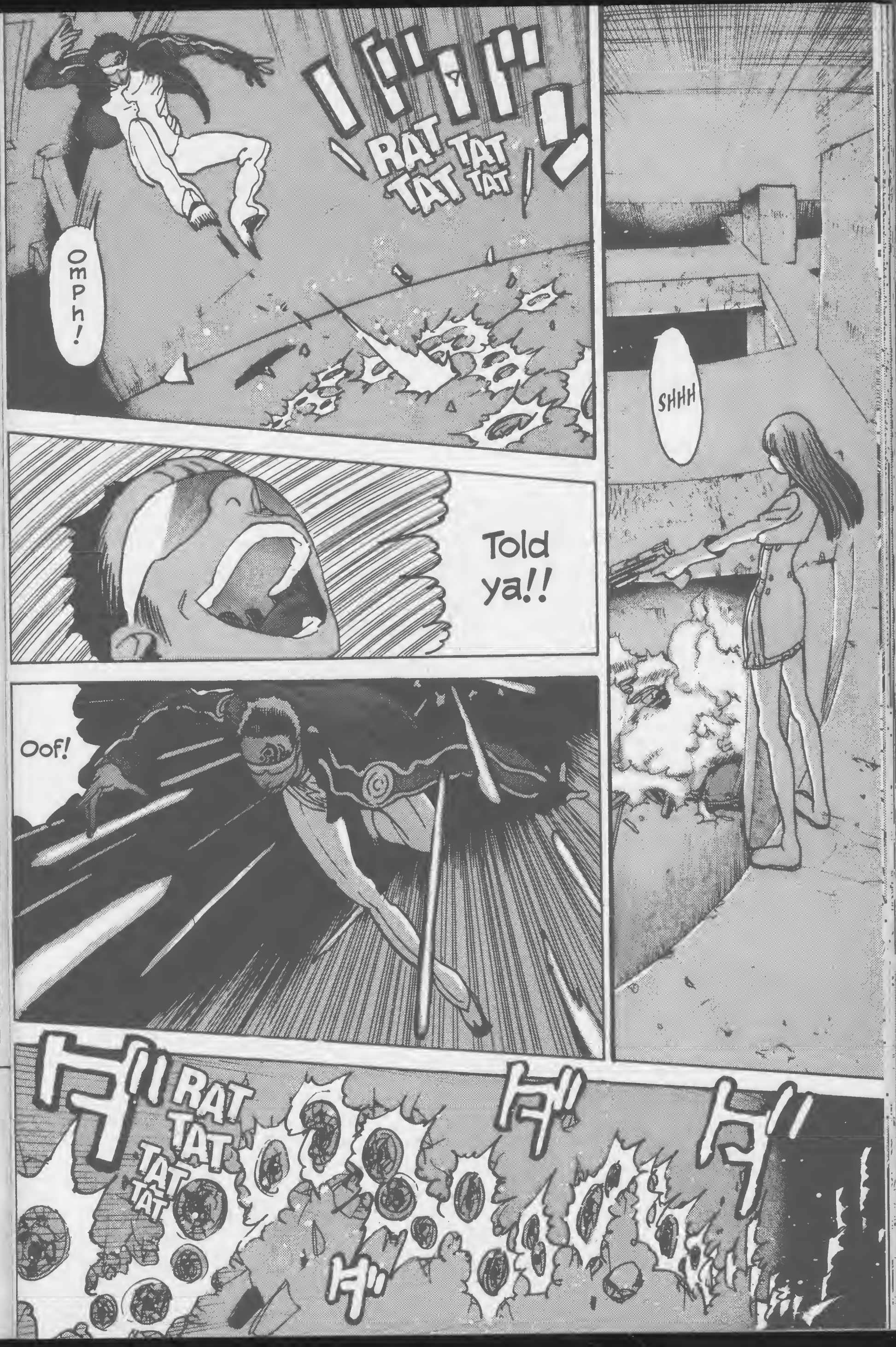

I already know...
...you're not Fresh.
カポ
POP
CRUNCH
Let's play...
...little girl.
FLICKER カッ
Hmm?

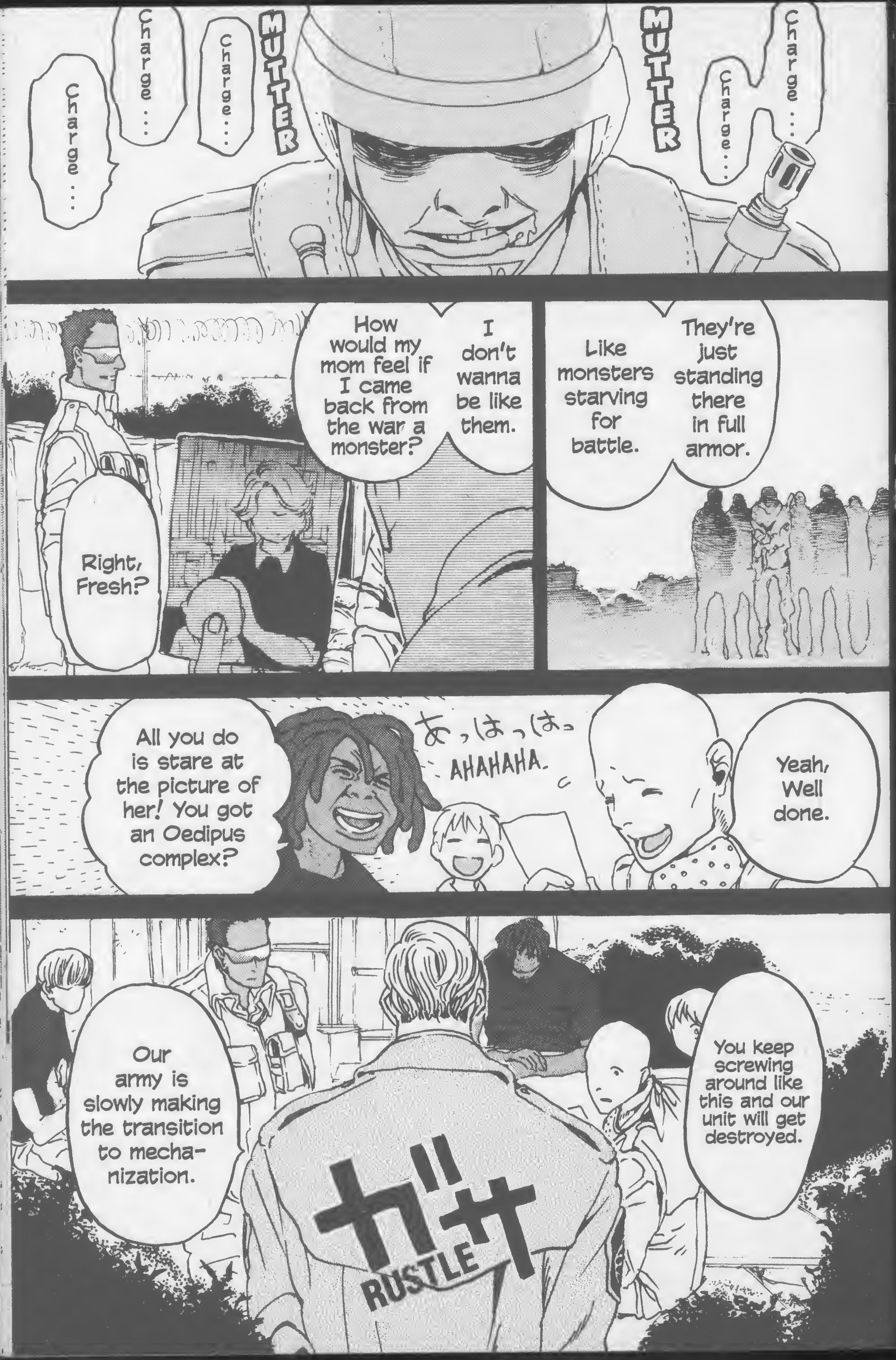

ROOOOAR
Whaa?!
ROOOOOAR
ZOOM ドド
ROOAR
Oohn!
Pretty fucking impressive!!
What should I do?!
ROOOOAR
ROOOOAR
SKREEEEE

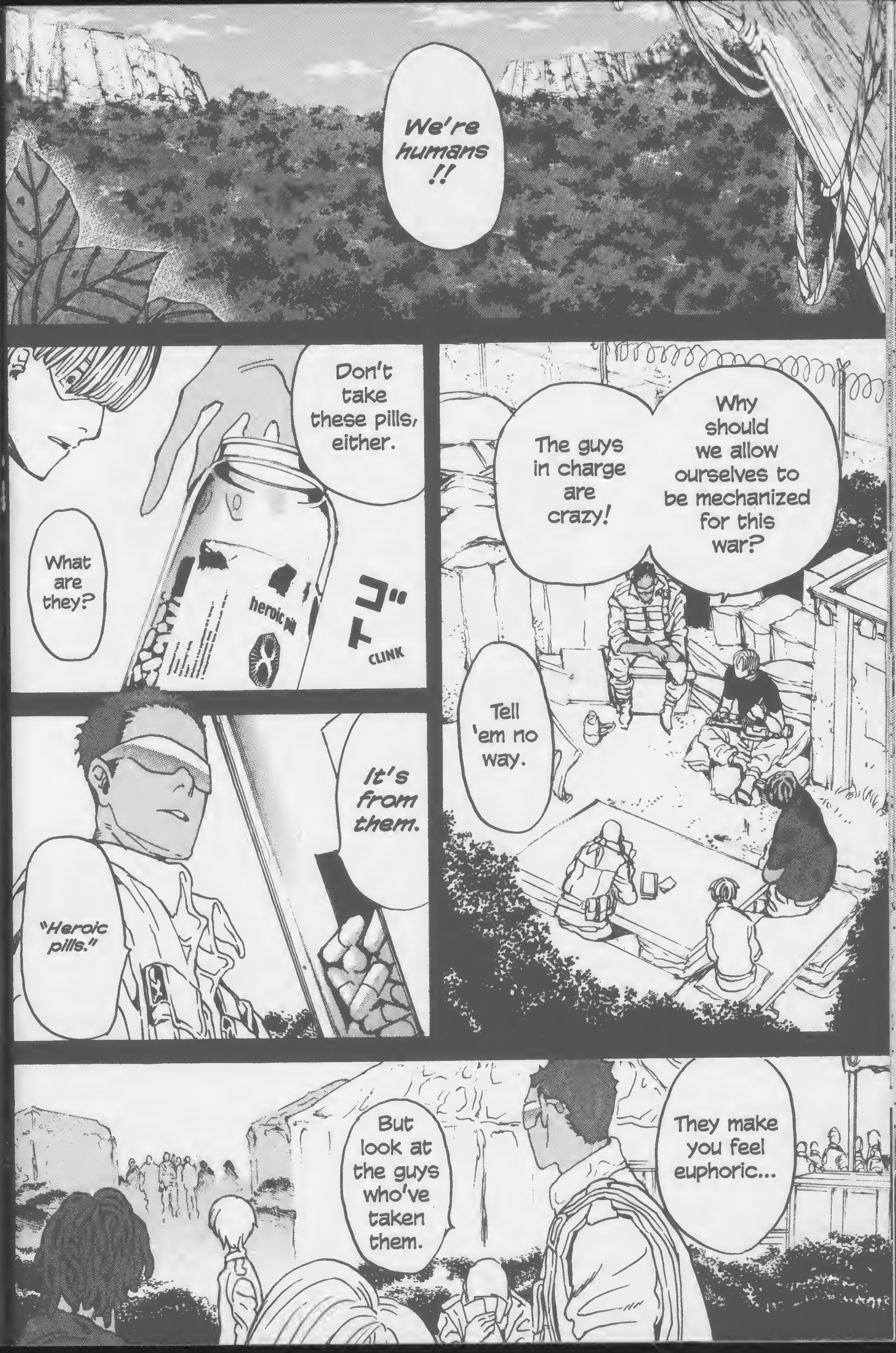

Oof!
ZOOM
Oorrr!
DODGE
ZOOM
TMP
That's all ya got?
Haa!
Last one!!

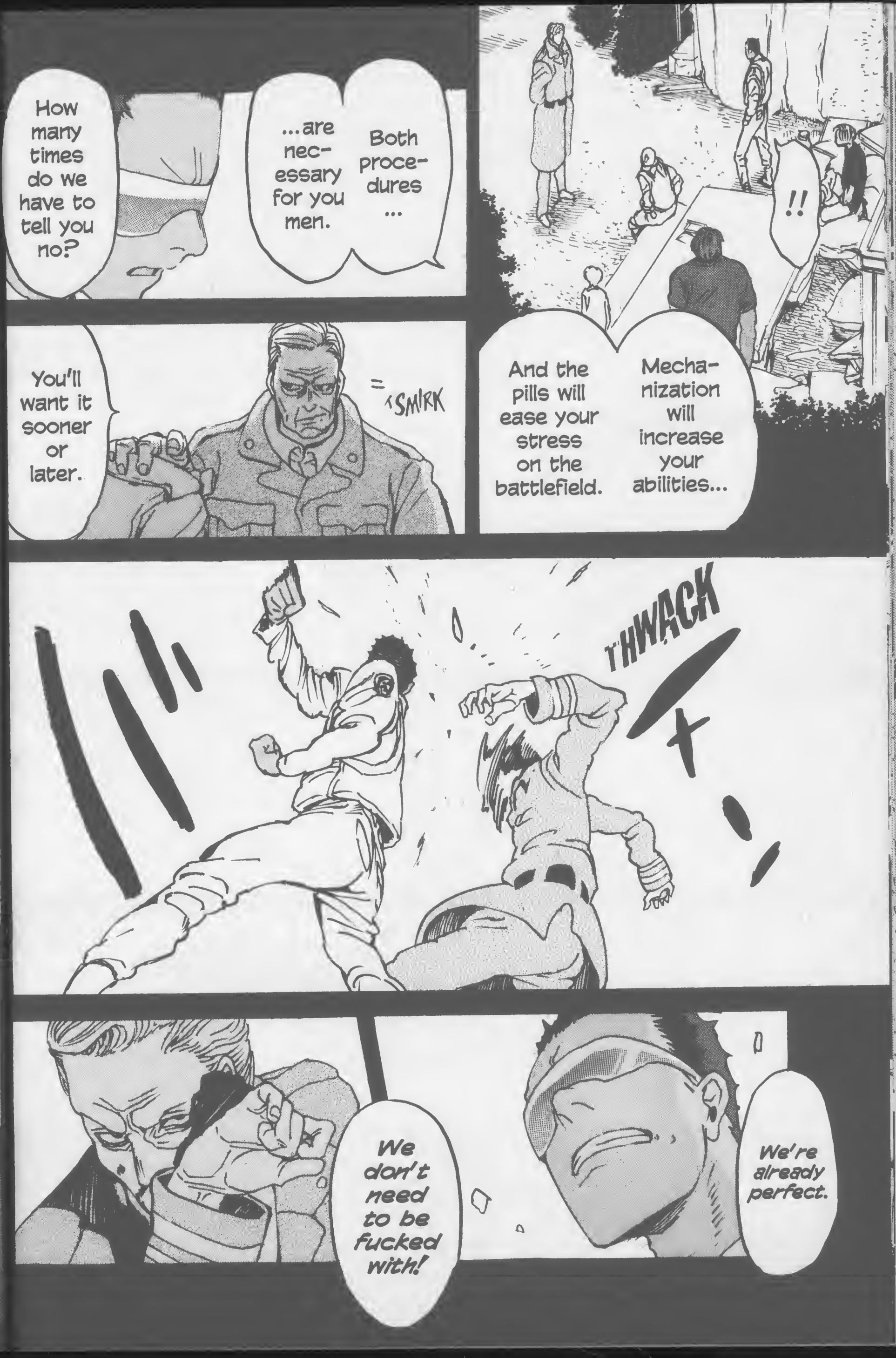

CRAAAAASSH
TMP
That was close...
Damn...
Five cars wrecked... what a waste.
That kinda shit won't scare me, Rune Balot! Try harder!!
It won't be easy to beat me!
My body's been mechanized... I'm as strong as a beast!
I can even dodge bullets!

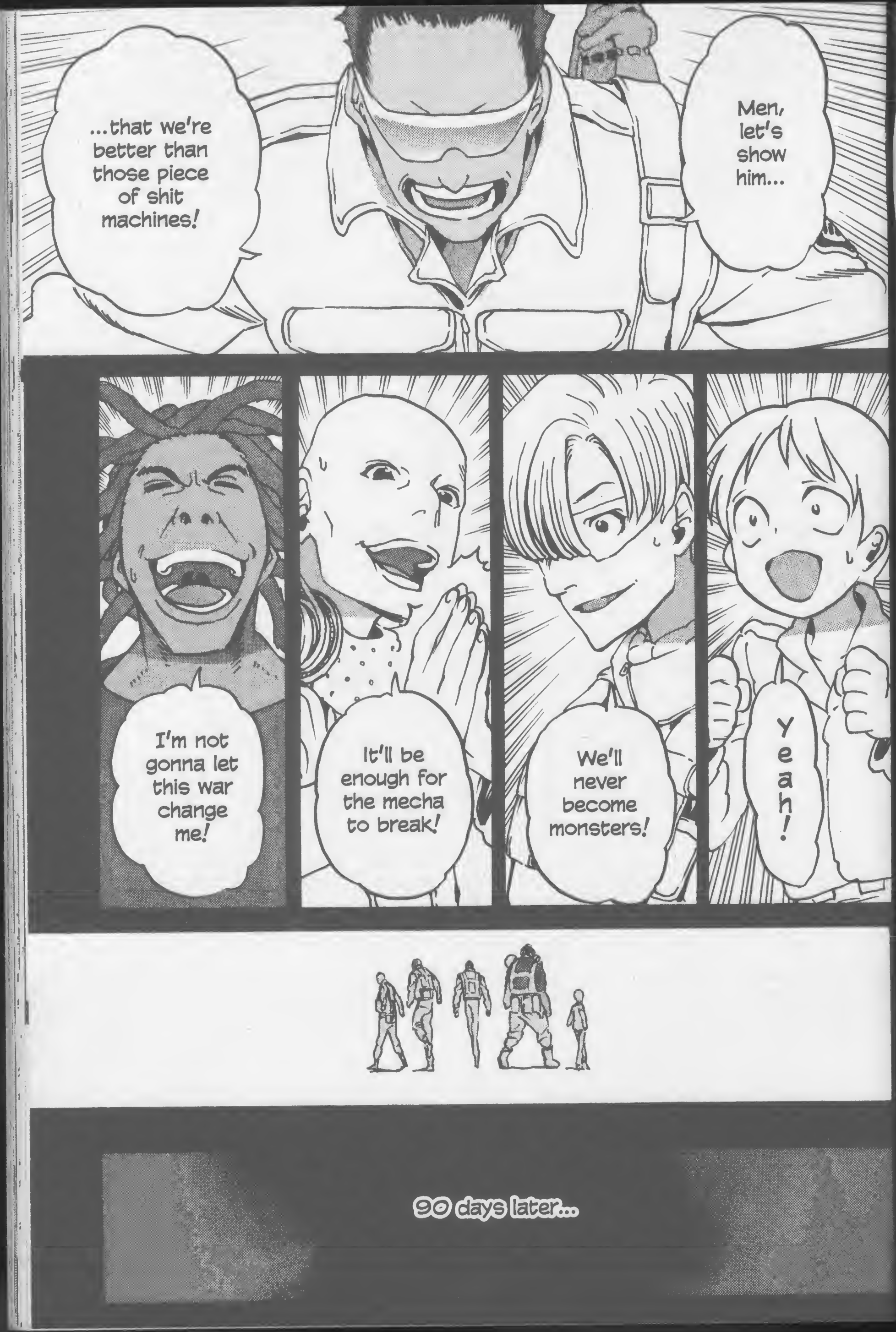

HHH...Yaaaaa!!
Oof!
TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP
TAT TAT TAT TAT
RAT TAT
Nice try!
If I was a normal human I'd probably be dead by now!
Brings back memories...
My body bends to dodge the bullets...
...a superior ability I got during the war!
The thrill of fear...
I can feel the Heroic Pills coursing through my veins...
I think I remember feeling hesitant when I first got this body...
What was it...
Ahh...
...it was so long ago I forgot...

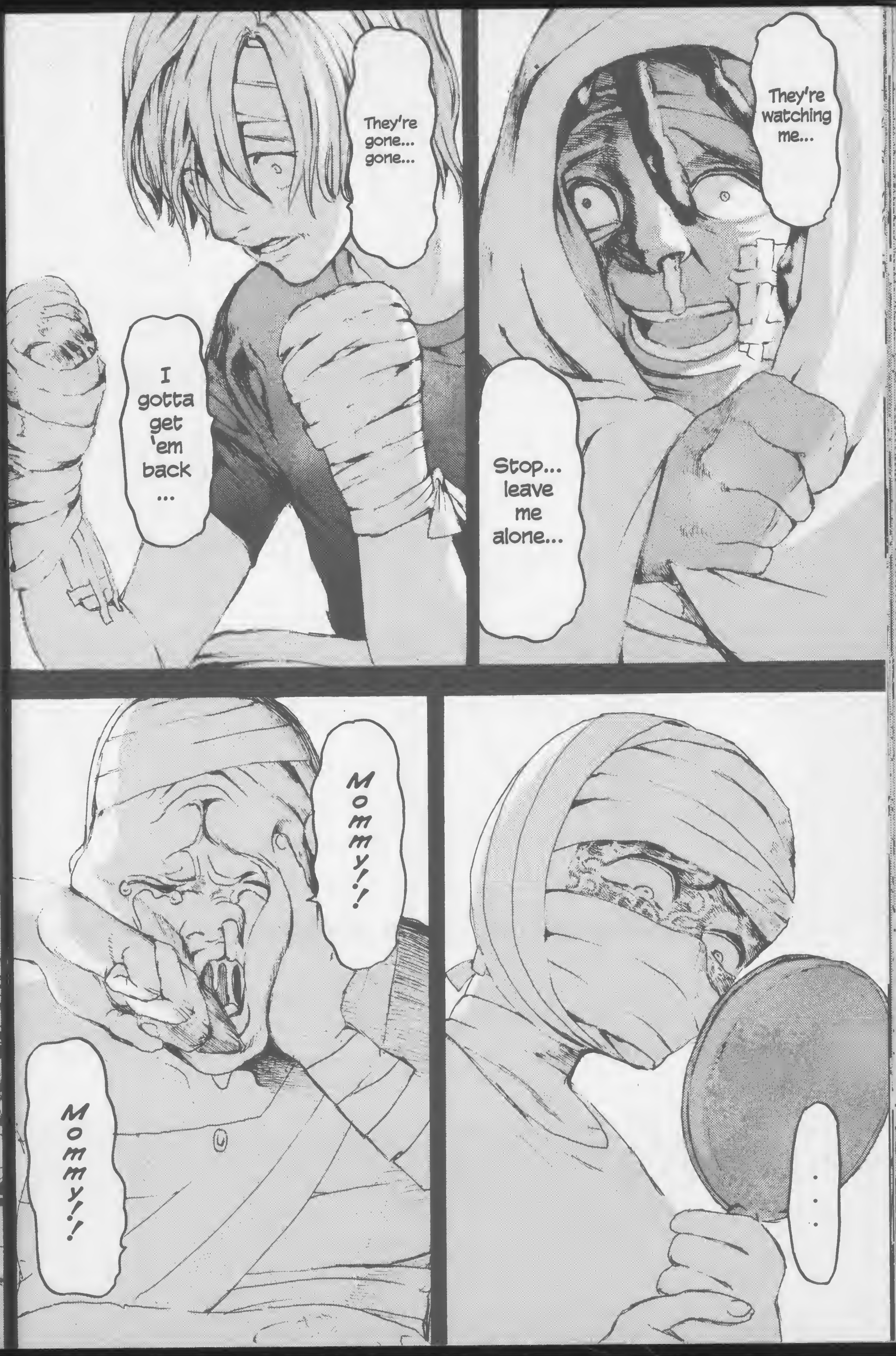

RAT TAT TAT TAT
Omph!
SHHH
Told ya!!
Oof!
RAT TAT TAT TAT

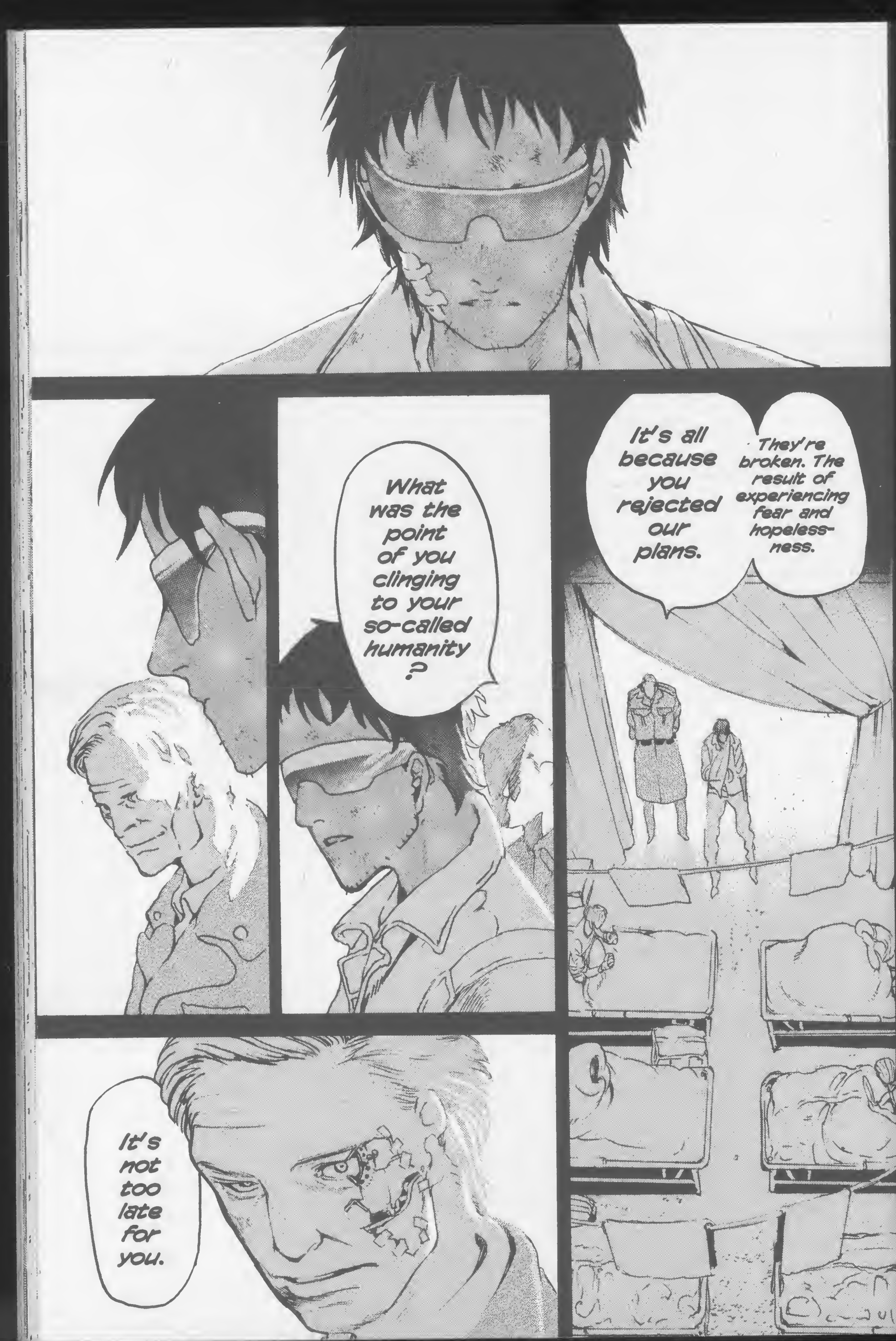

Charge . . .
Charge . . .
MUTTER
Charge . . .
MUTTER
Charge . . .
They're just standing there in full armor.
Like monsters starving for battle.
I don't wanna be like them.
How would my mom feel if I came back from the war a monster?
Right, Fresh?
Yeah, Well done.
あっはっはっ
AHAHAHA
All you do is stare at the picture of her! You got an Oedipus complex?
You keep screwing around like this and our unit will get destroyed.
Our army is slowly making the transition to mechanization.
ガサ
RUSTLE

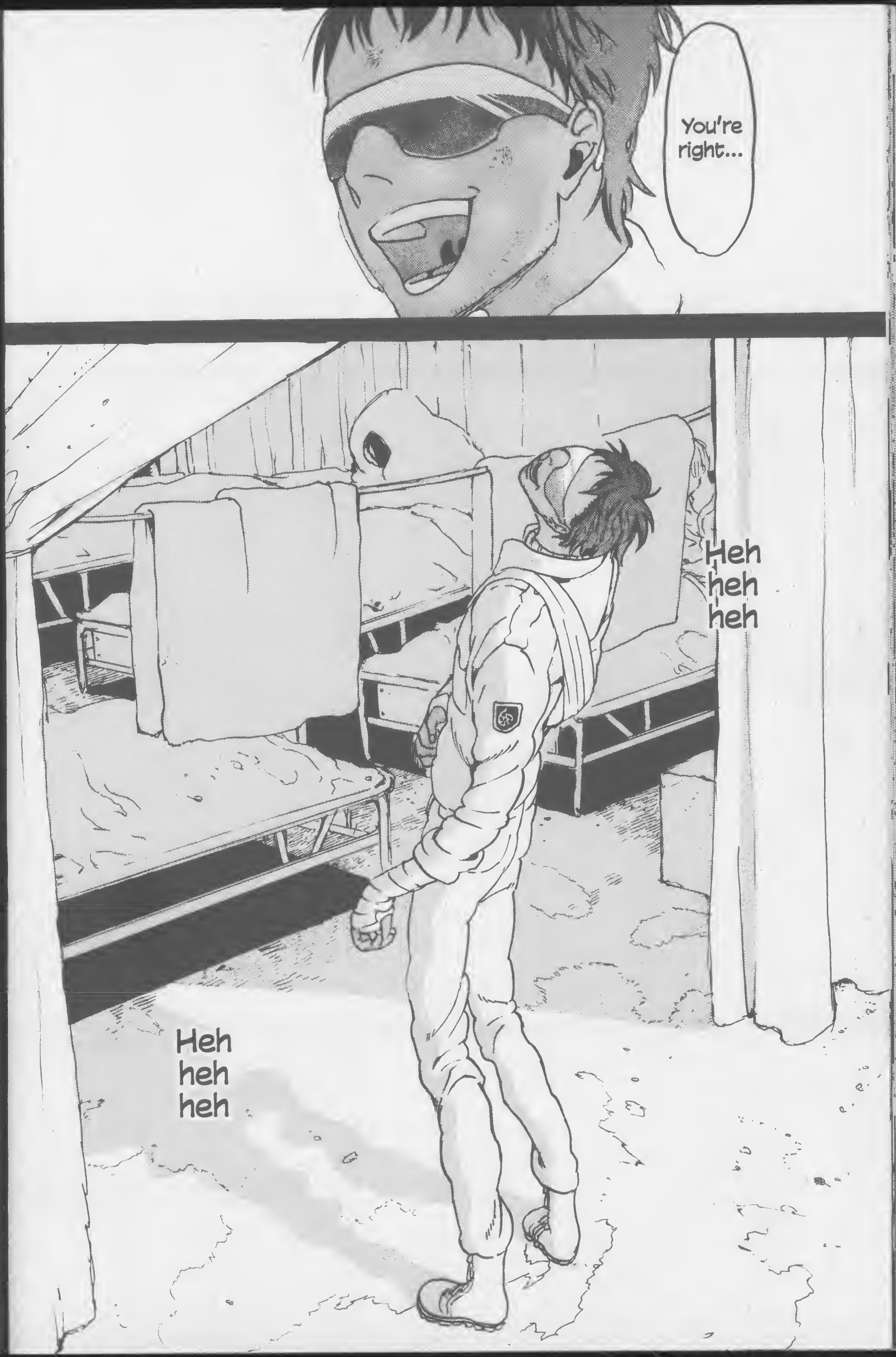

We're humans !!
Why should we allow ourselves to be mechanized for this war?
The guys in charge are crazy!
Tell 'em no way.
Don't take these pills, either.
What are they?
heroic pill
ゴト
CLINK
It's from them.
"Heroic pills."
They make you feel euphoric...
But look at the guys who've taken them.

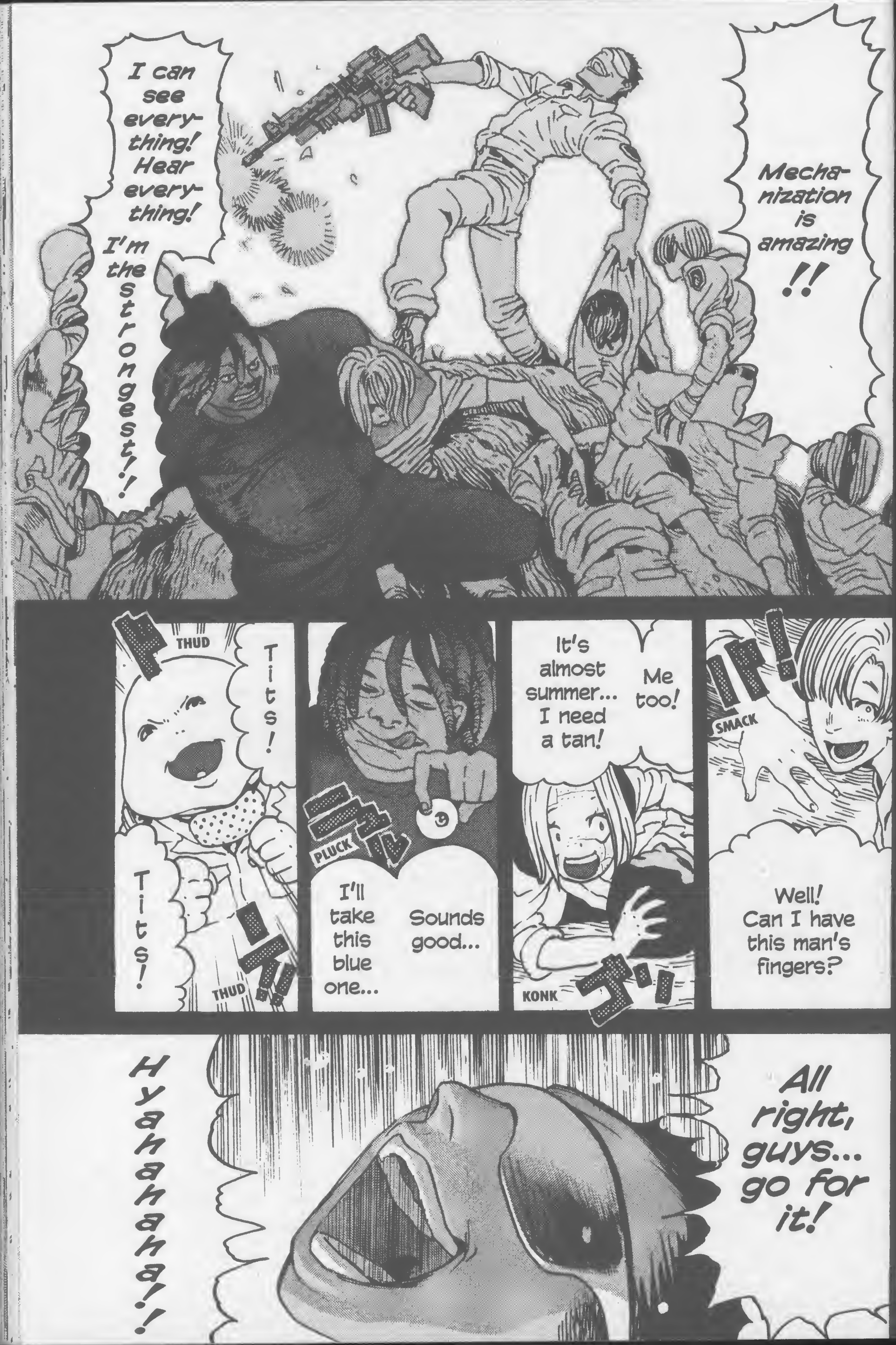

!!
Mechanization will increase your abilities...
And the pills will ease your stress on the battlefield.
Both procedures...
...are necessary for you men.
How many times do we have to tell you no?
SMIRK
You'll want it sooner or later.
THWACK
We don't need to be fucked with!
We're already perfect.

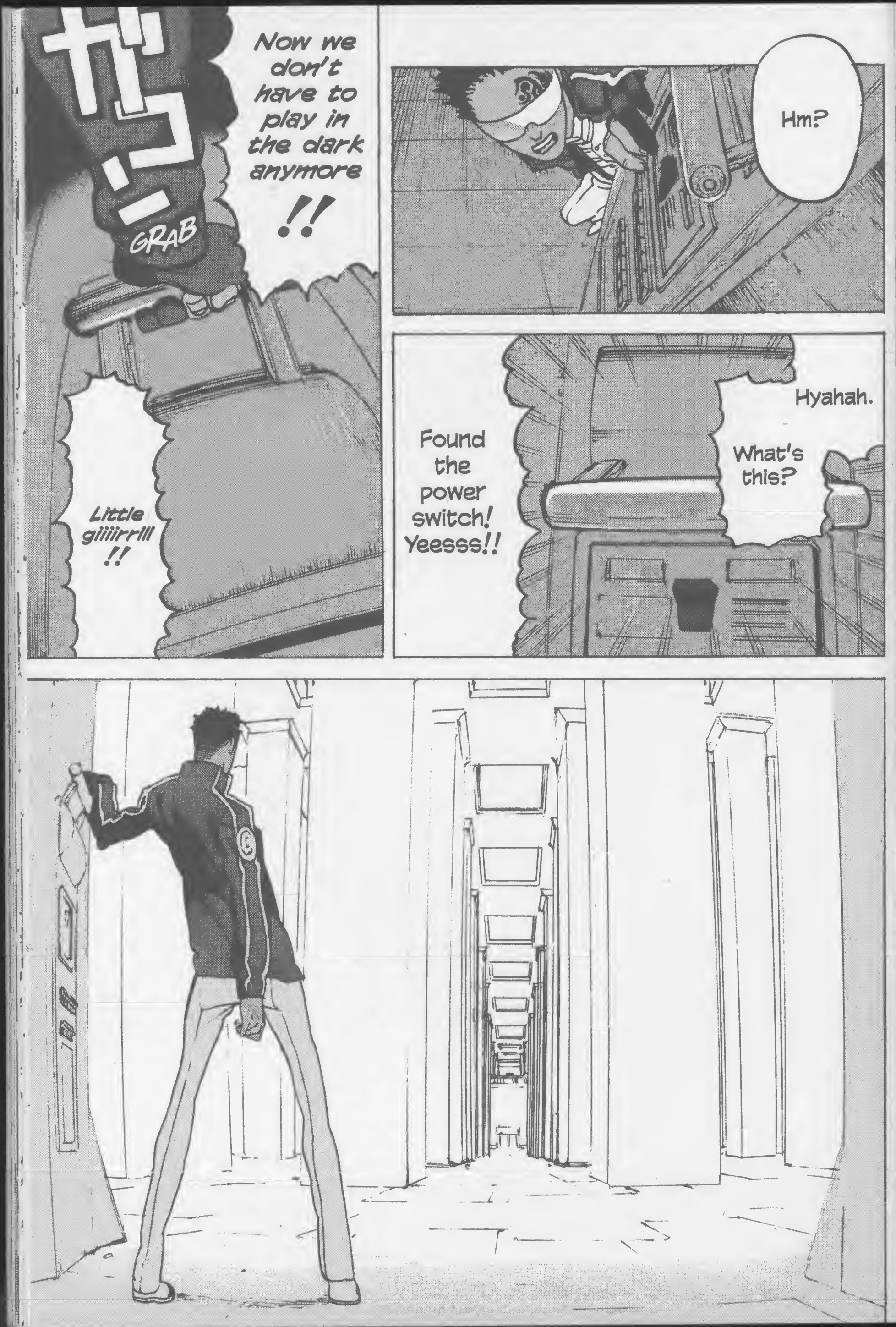

Men, let's show him...
...that we're better than those piece of shit machines!
Yeah!
We'll never become monsters!
It'll be enough for the mecha to break!
I'm not gonna let this war change me!
90 days later...

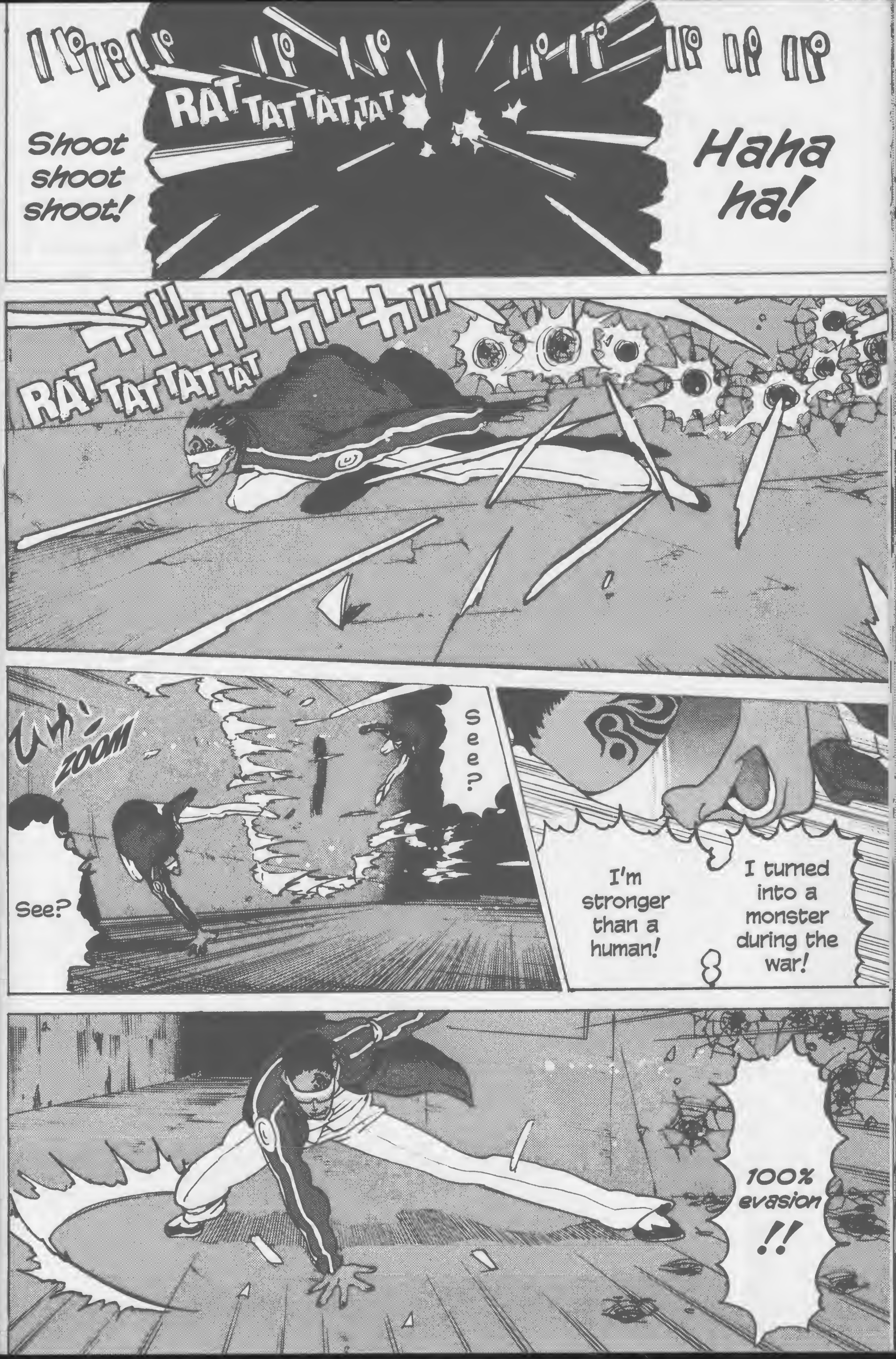

They're watching me...
Stop... leave me alone...
They're gone... gone...
I gotta get 'em back ...
. . .
Mommy!!
Mommy!!

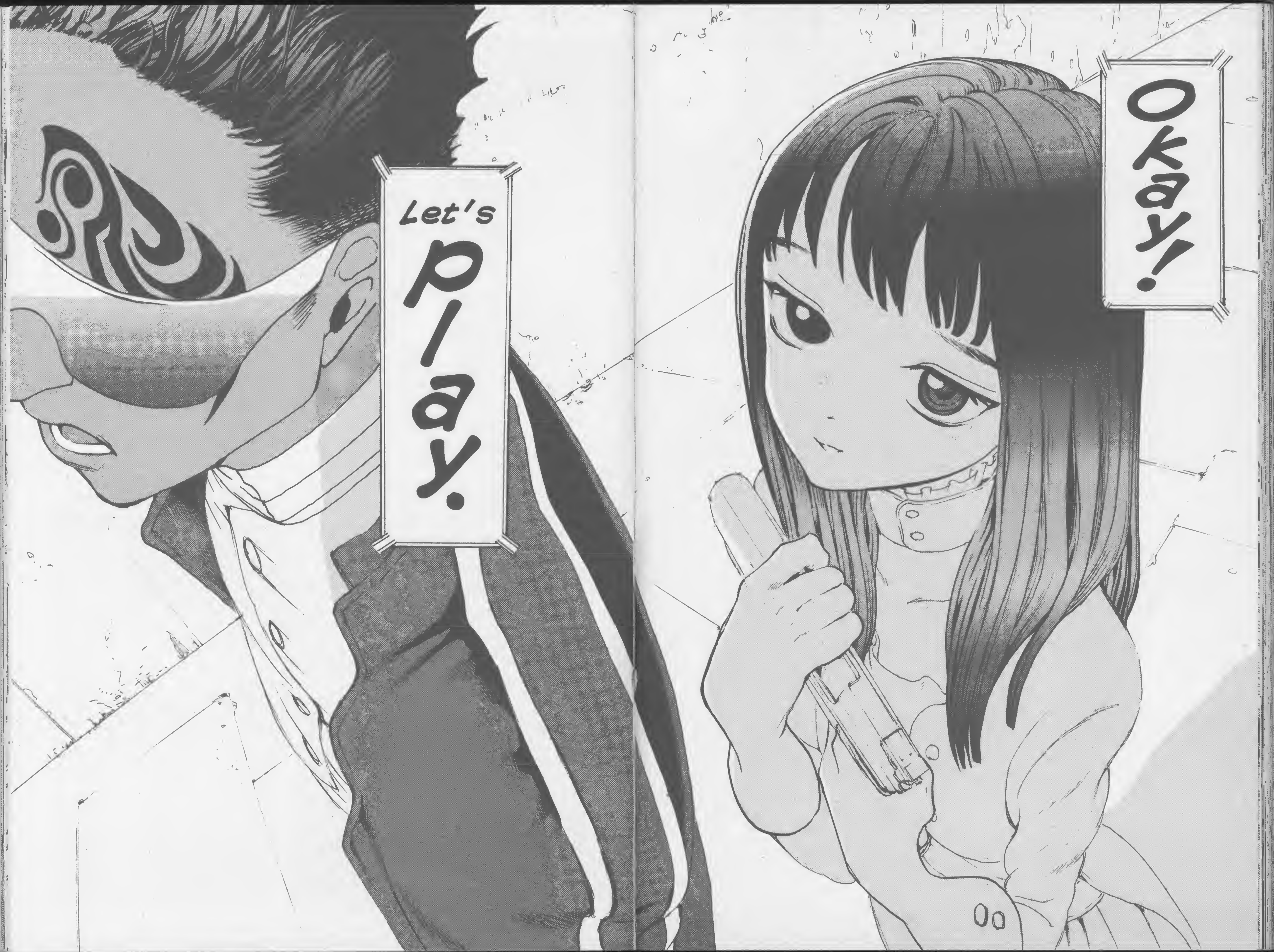

They're broken. The result of experiencing fear and hopelessness.
It's all because you rejected our plans.
What was the point of you clinging to your so-called humanity?
It's not too late for you.

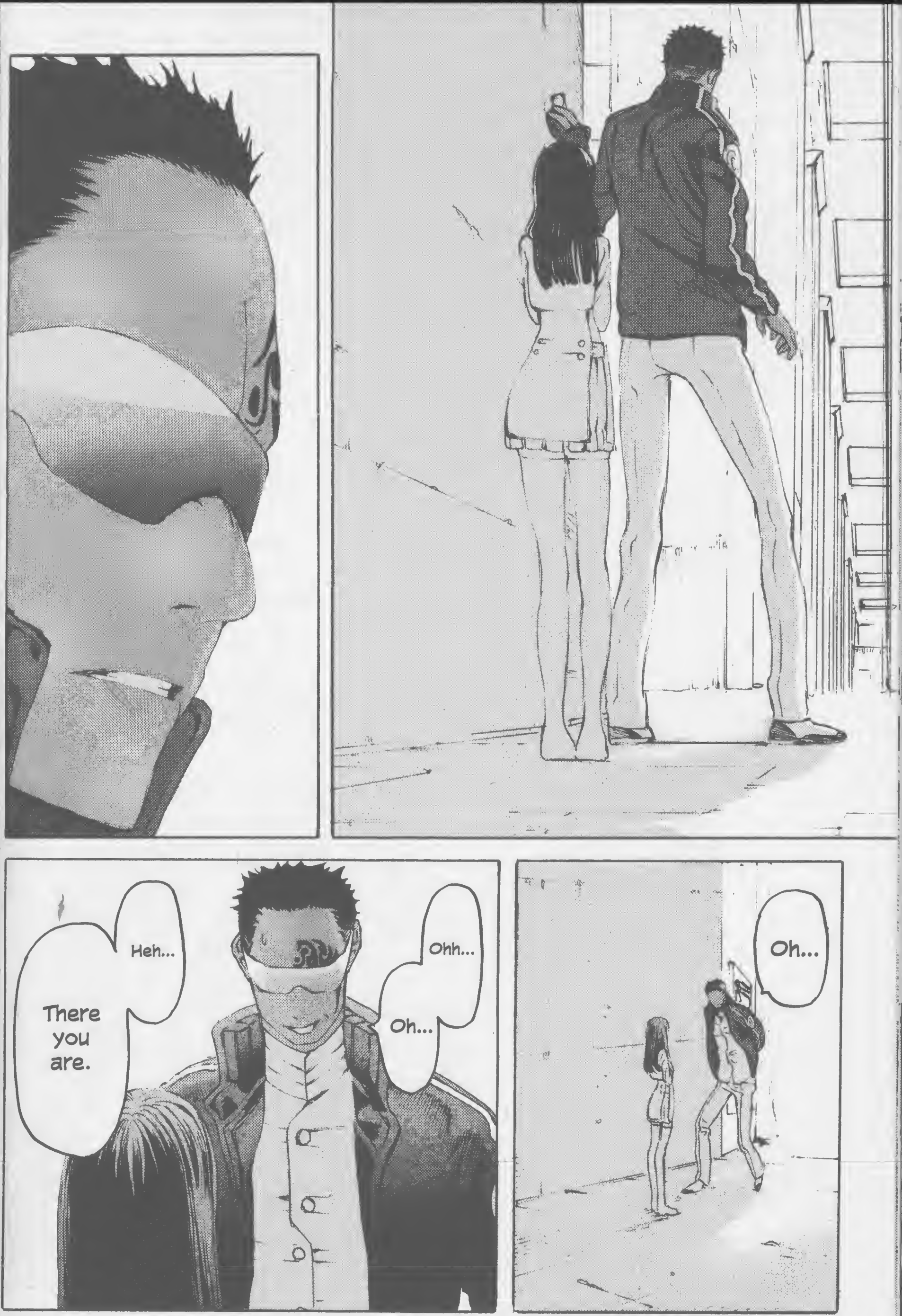

You're right...
Heh heh heh
Heh heh heh

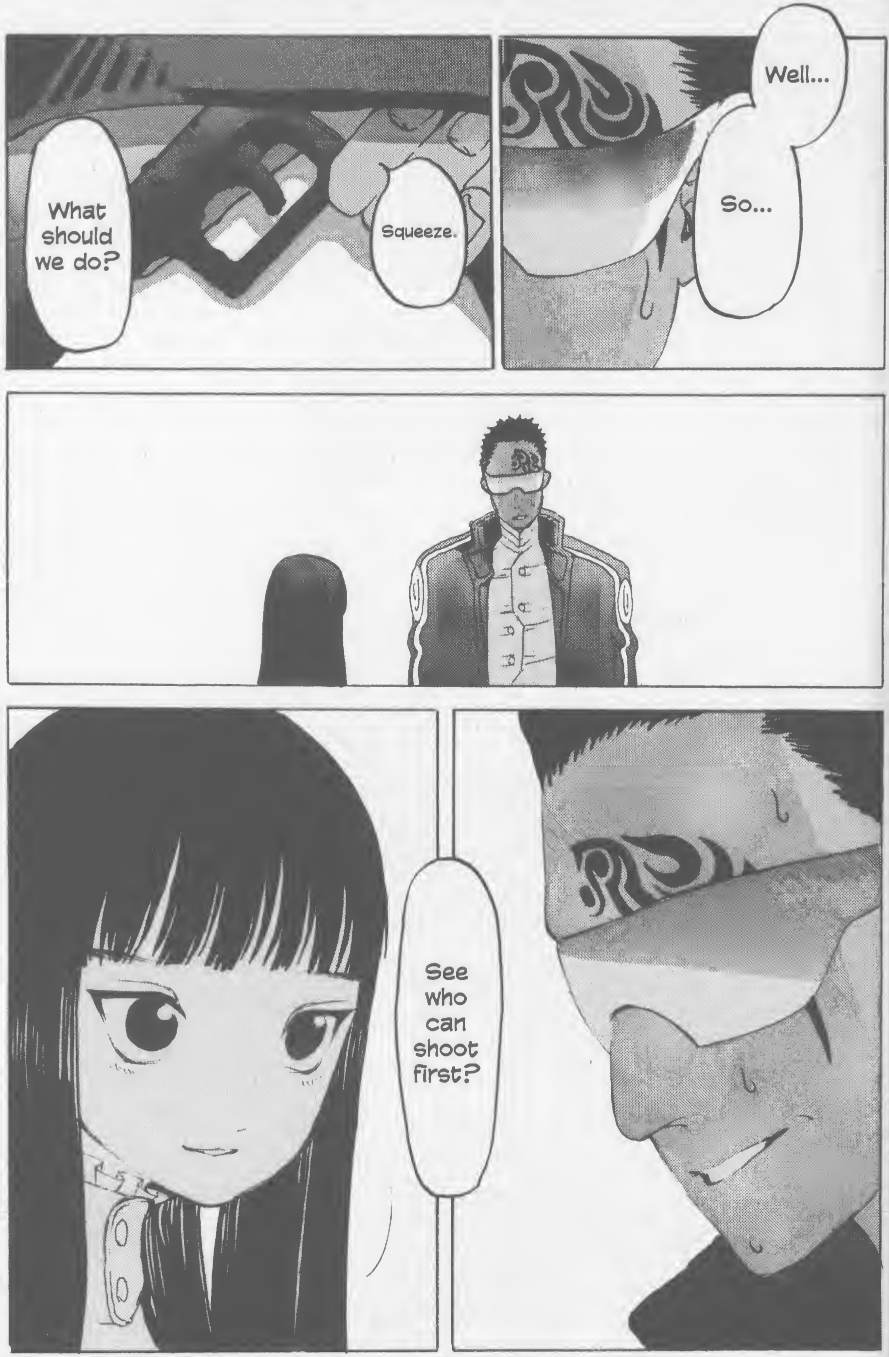

Mechanization is amazing!!
I can see everything! Hear everything!
I'm the strongest!!
SMACK
Well! Can I have this man's fingers?
Me too!
It's almost summer... I need a tan!
KONK
Sounds good...
I'll take this blue one...
PLUCK
THUD
Tits!
Tits!
THUD
All right, guys... go for it!
Hyahahaha!!

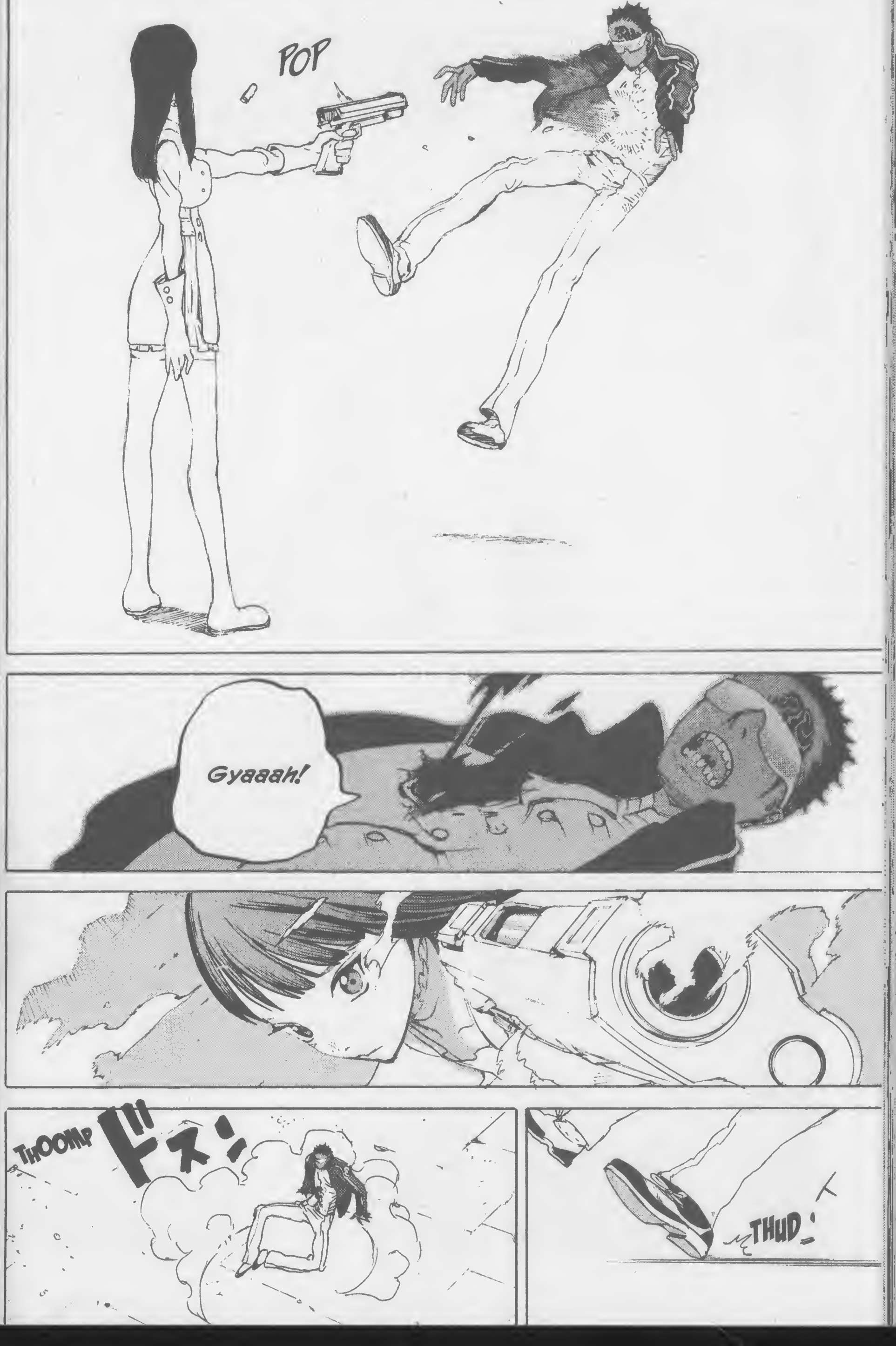

Hm?
Hyahah.
What's this?
Found the power switch! Yeesss!!
GRAB
Now we don't have to play in the dark anymore!!
Little giiiirrlll!!

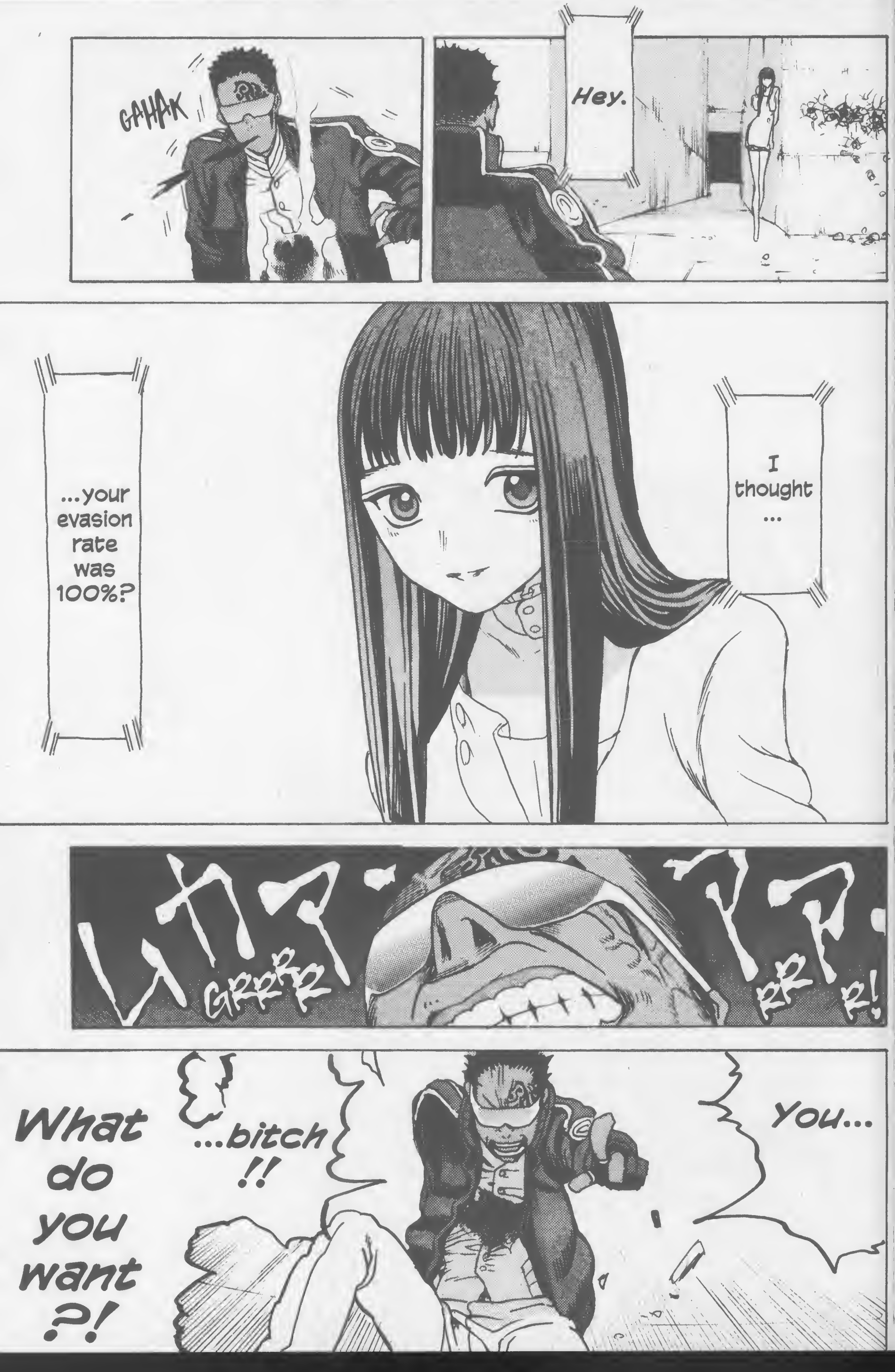

Haha ha!
RAT TAT TAT TAT TAT
Shoot shoot shoot!
RAT TAT TAT TAT TAT
I turned into a monster during the war!
I'm stronger than a human!
See?
ZOOM
See?
100% evasion!!

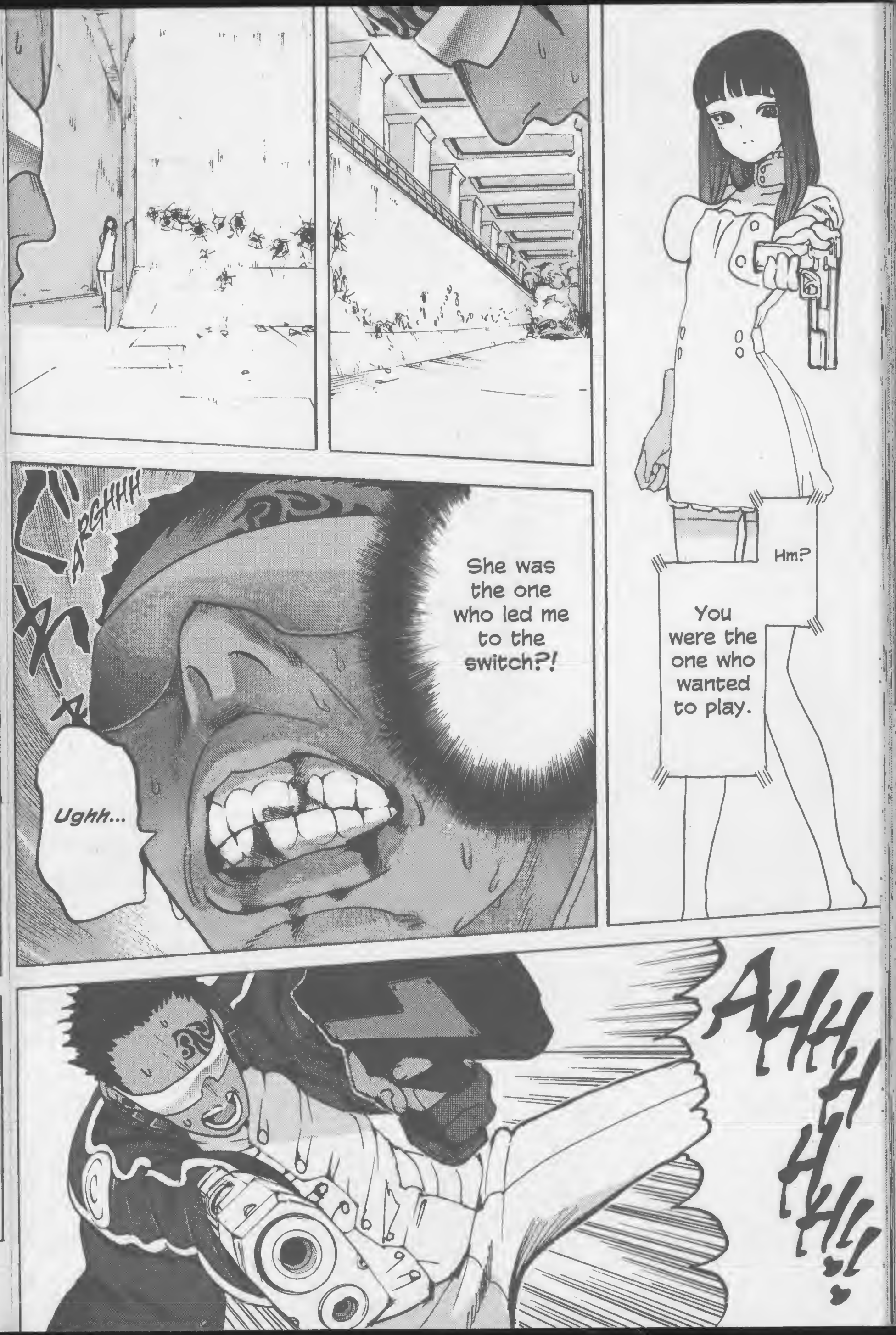

Okay!
Let's play.

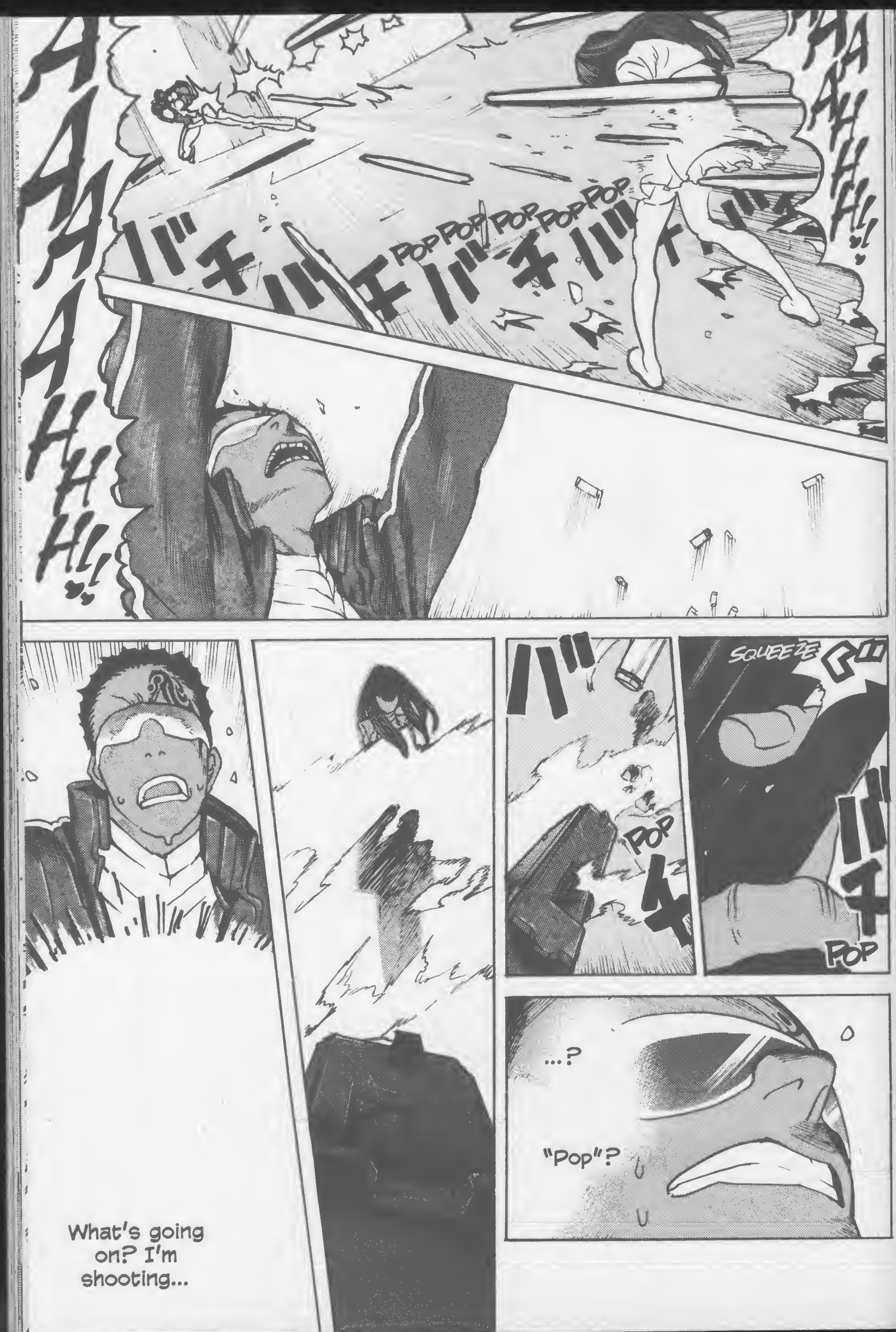

Oh...
Ohh...
Oh...
Heh...
There you are.


Well...
So...
Squeeze.
What should we do?
See who can shoot first?


POP
Gyaaah!
THUD
THOOMP
ドス!


Hey.
GAHAK
I thought ...
...your evasion rate was 100%?
ア ア
RRR R!
レカア
GRRRR
You...
...bitch !!
What do you want ?!


Hm?
You were the one who wanted to play.
She was the one who led me to the switch?!
ARGHHH
バババ
Ughh...
AHHHHHH!!


AAAHHHHH!!
POP POP POP POP POP POP
バチバチバチ
AAAAAHHHHH!!
SQUEEZE
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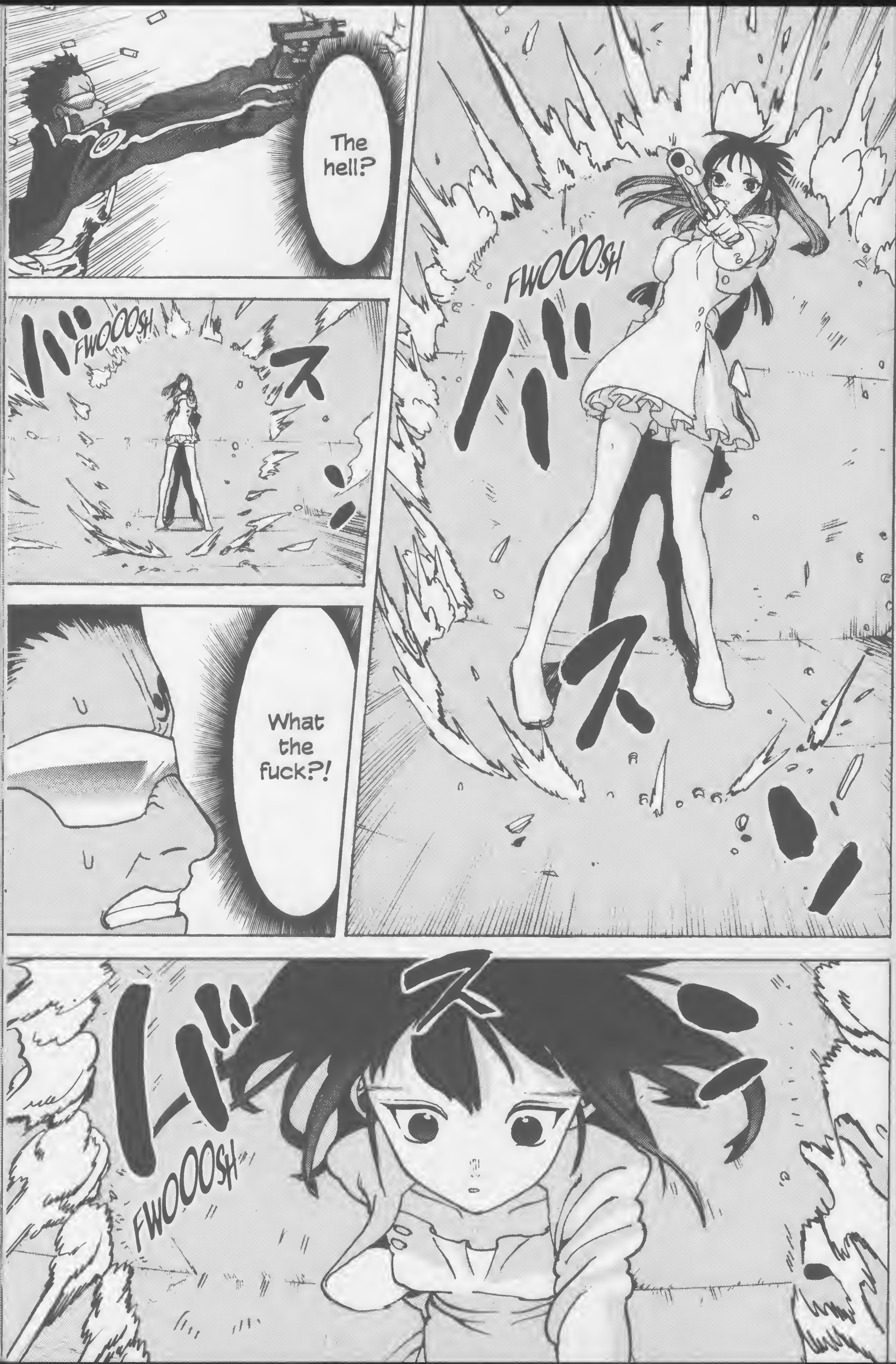
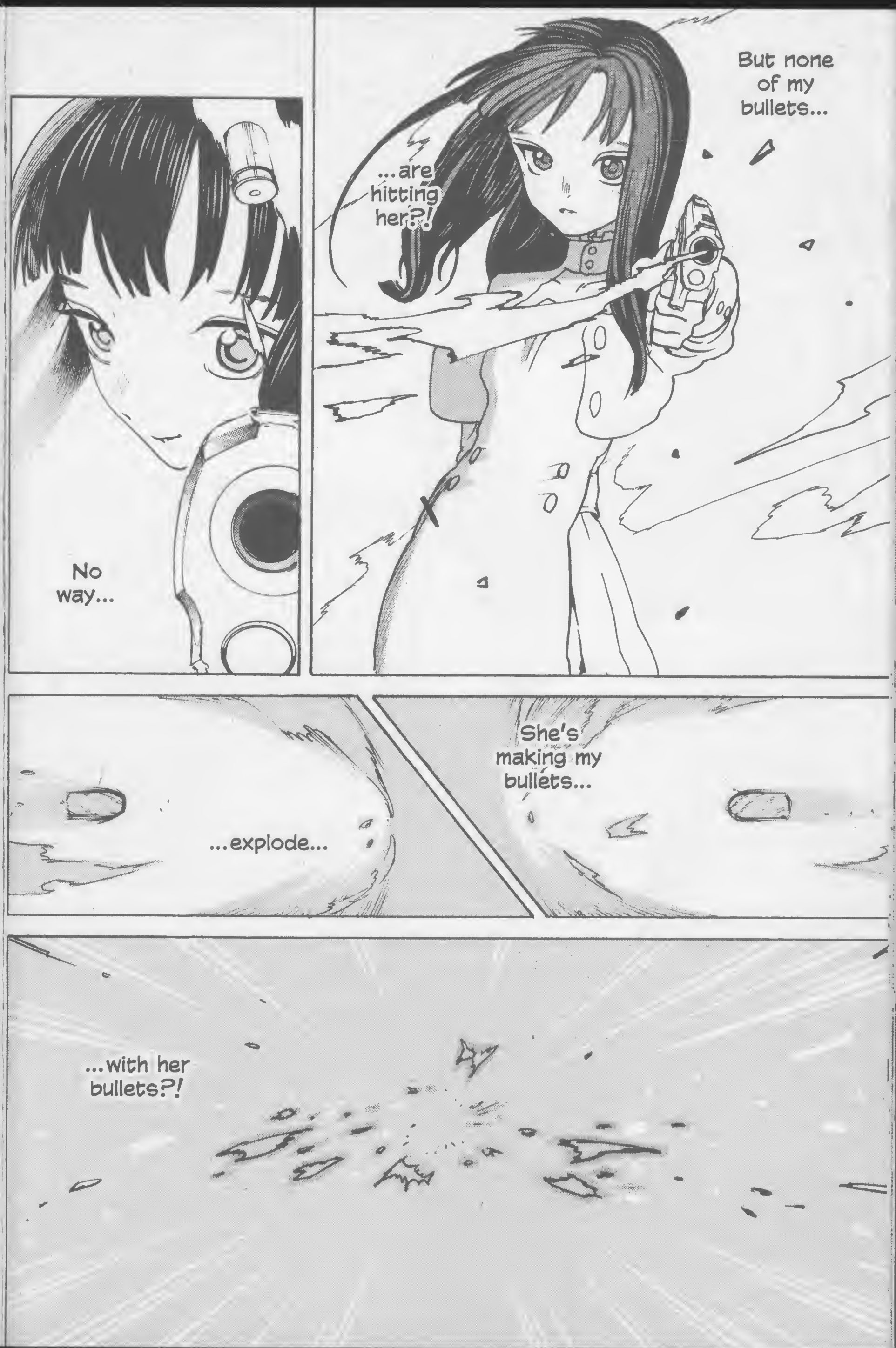
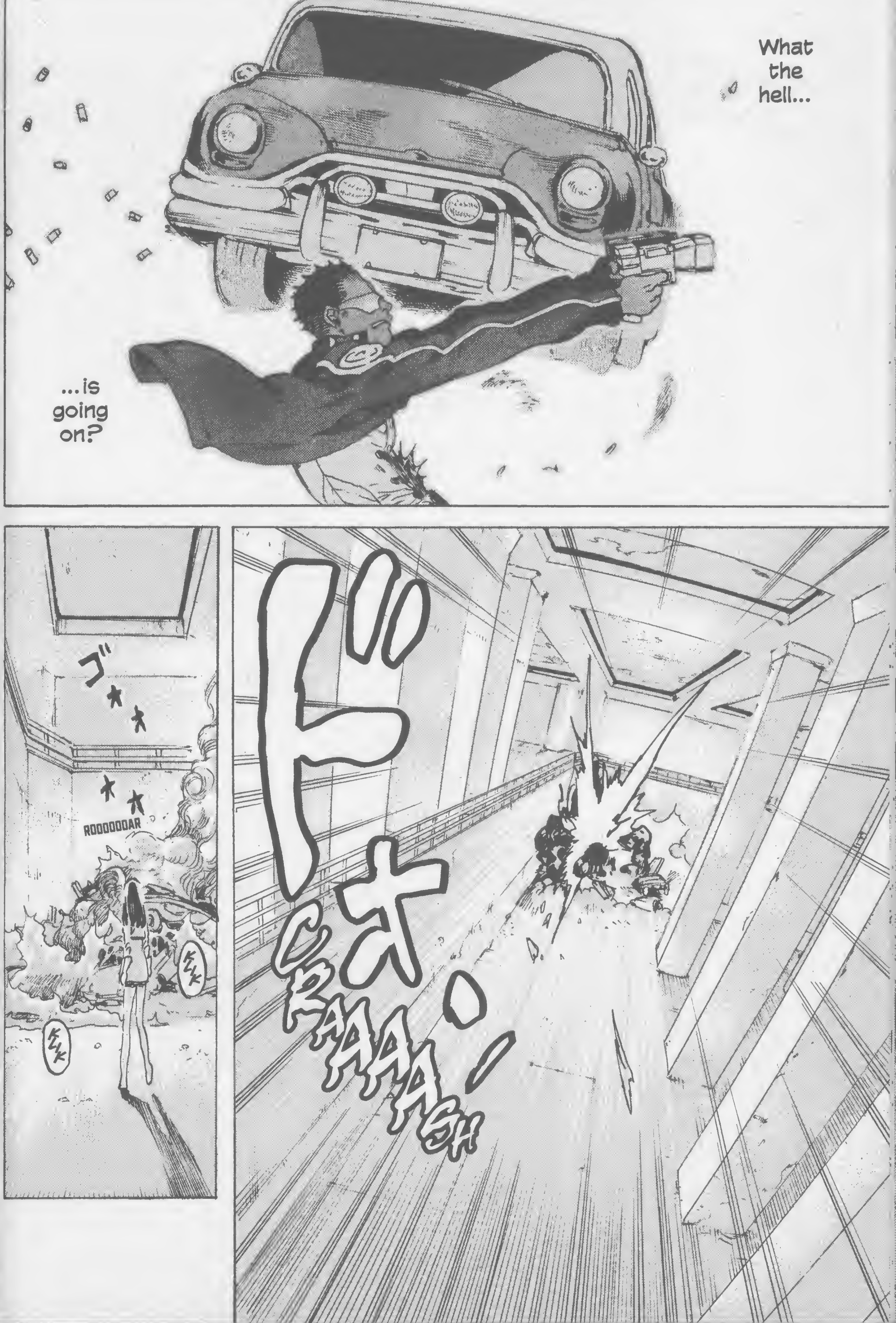
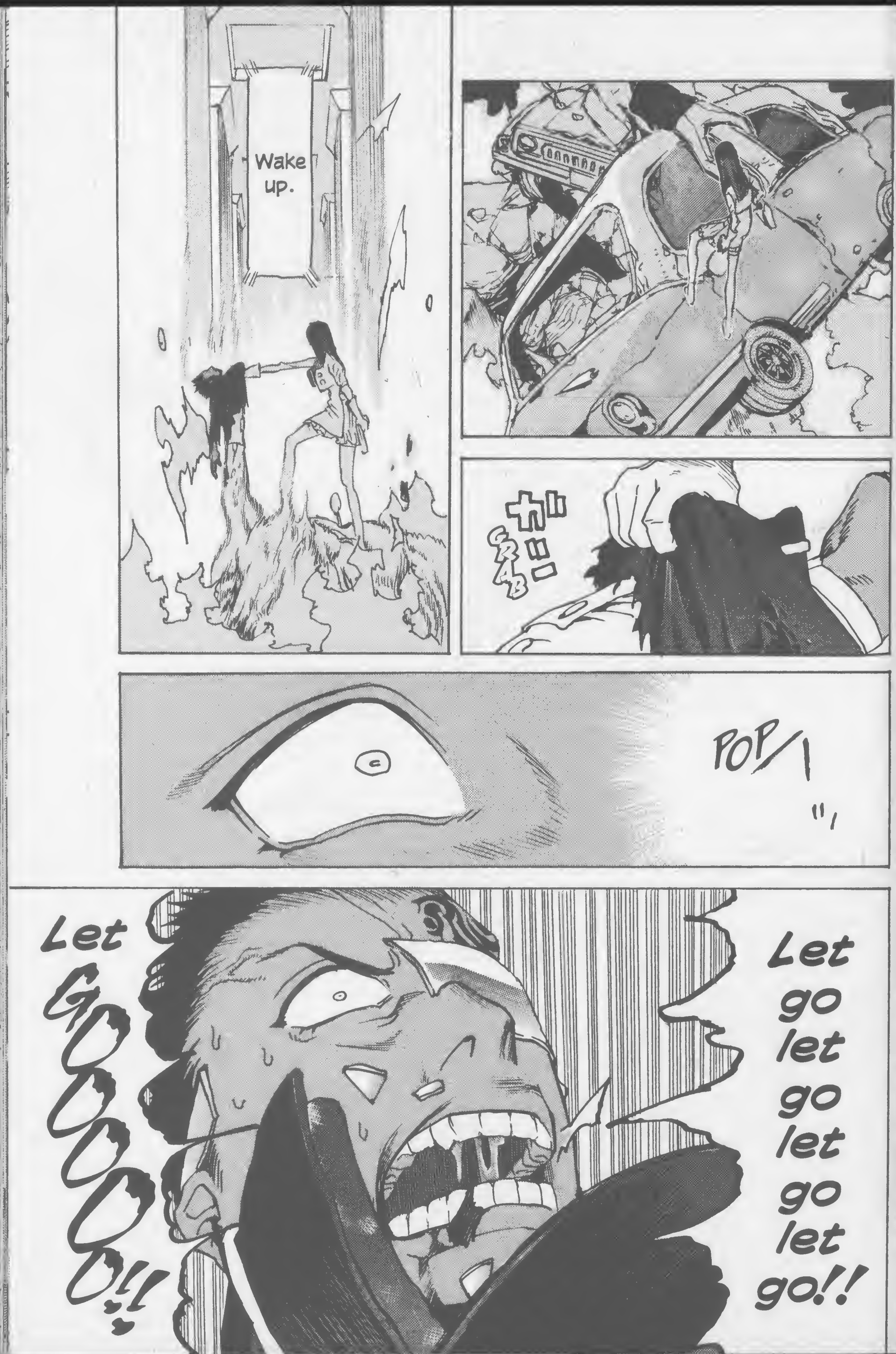
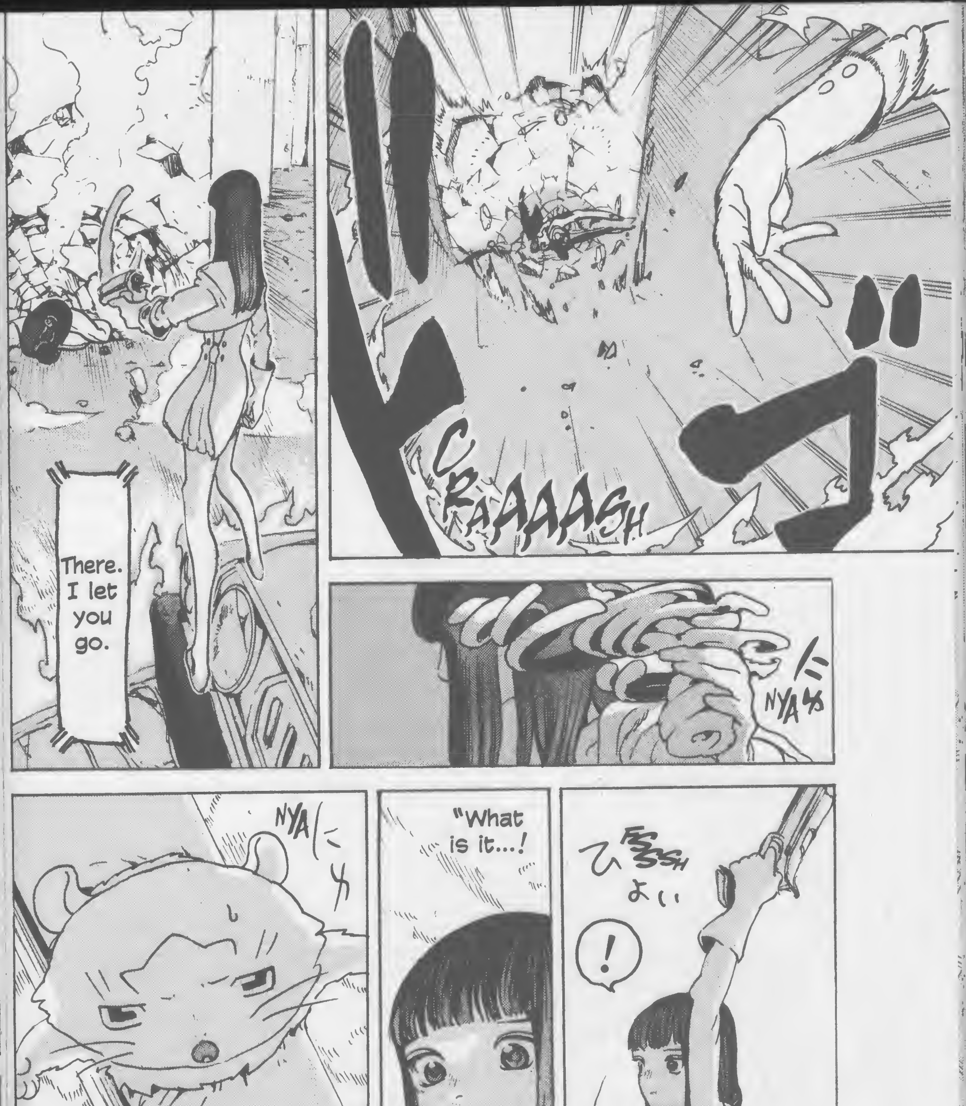
POP
...?
"Pop"?
What's going on? I'm shooting...

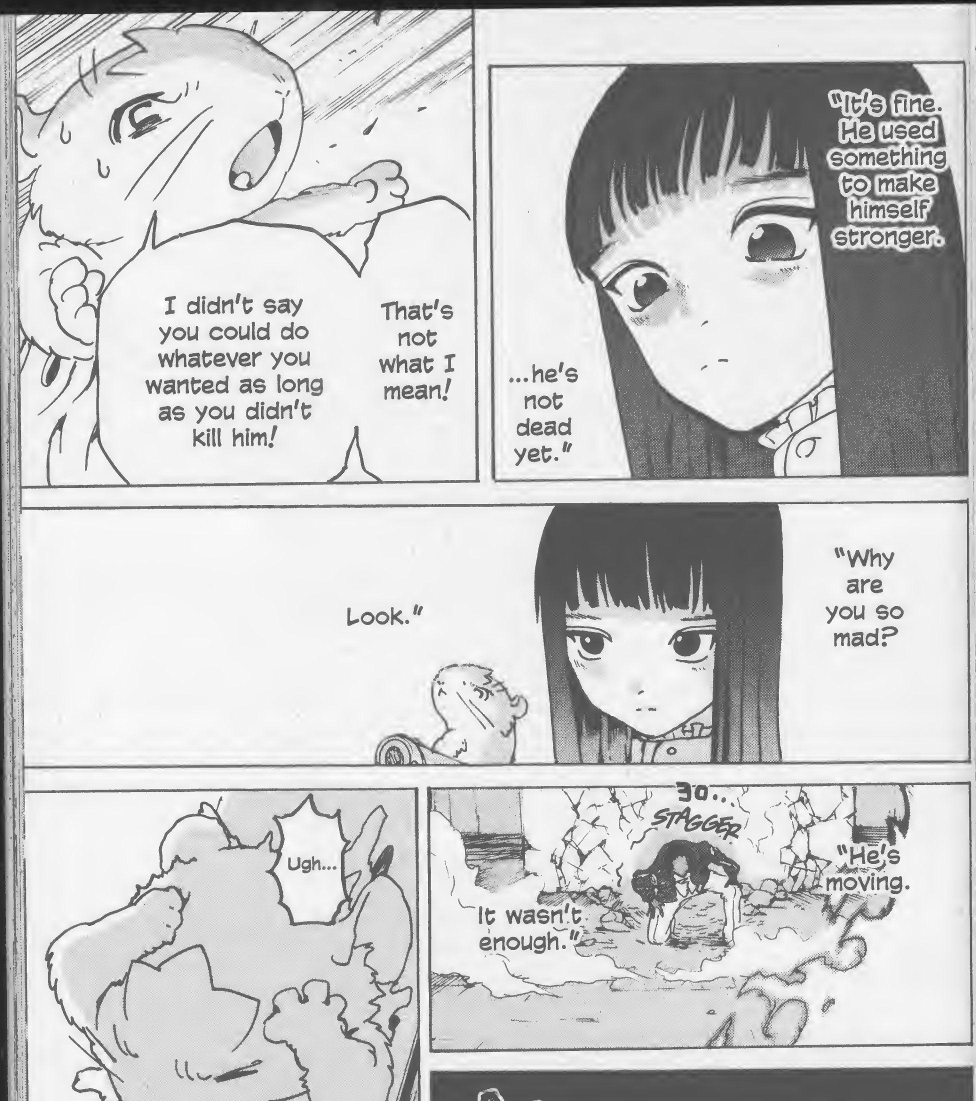

The hell?
バス
FWOOOSH
バス
FWOOOSH
What the fuck?!
バス
FWOOOSH

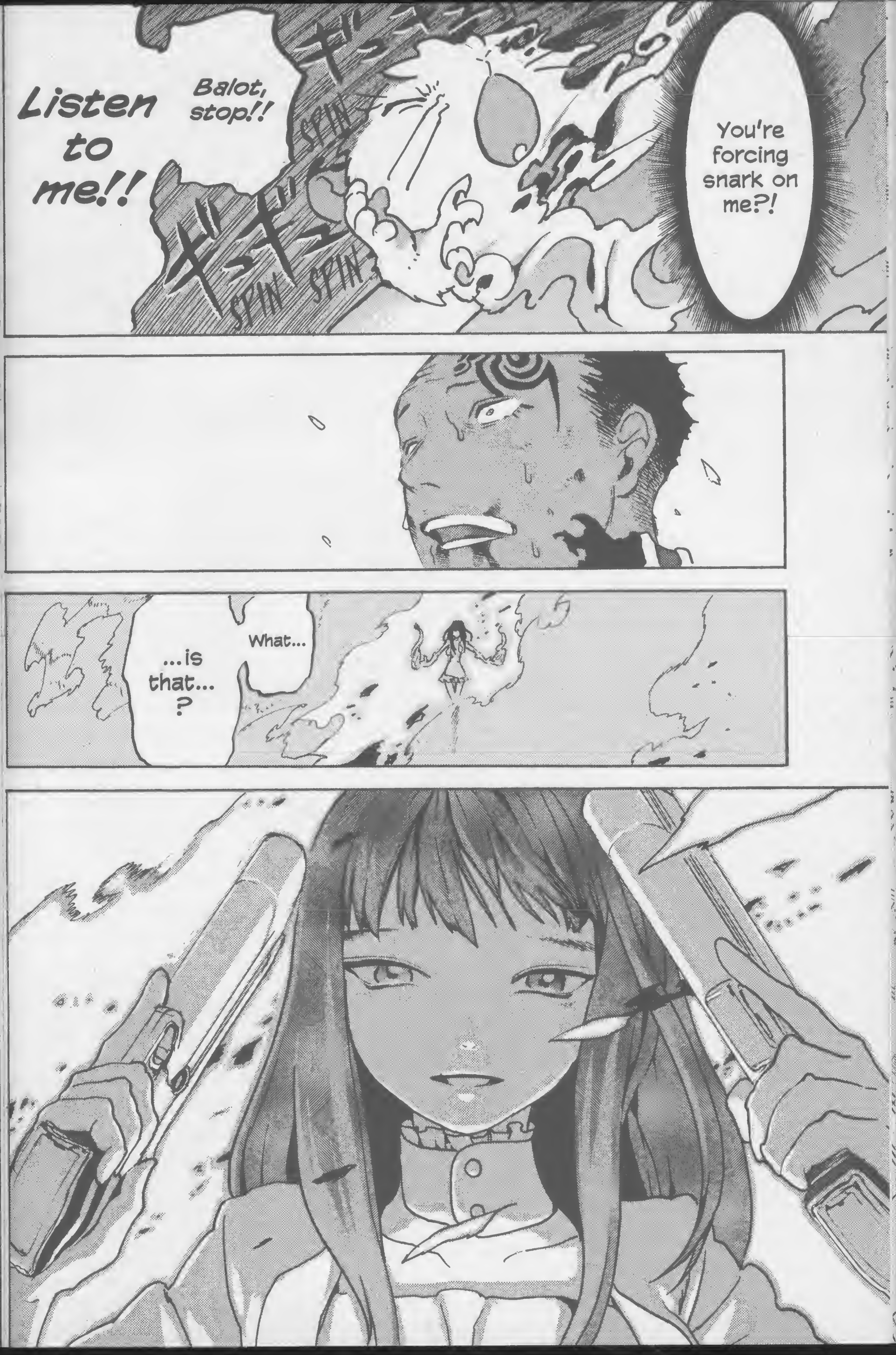

But none of my bullets...
...are hitting her?!
No way...
She's making my bullets...
...explode...
...with her bullets?!

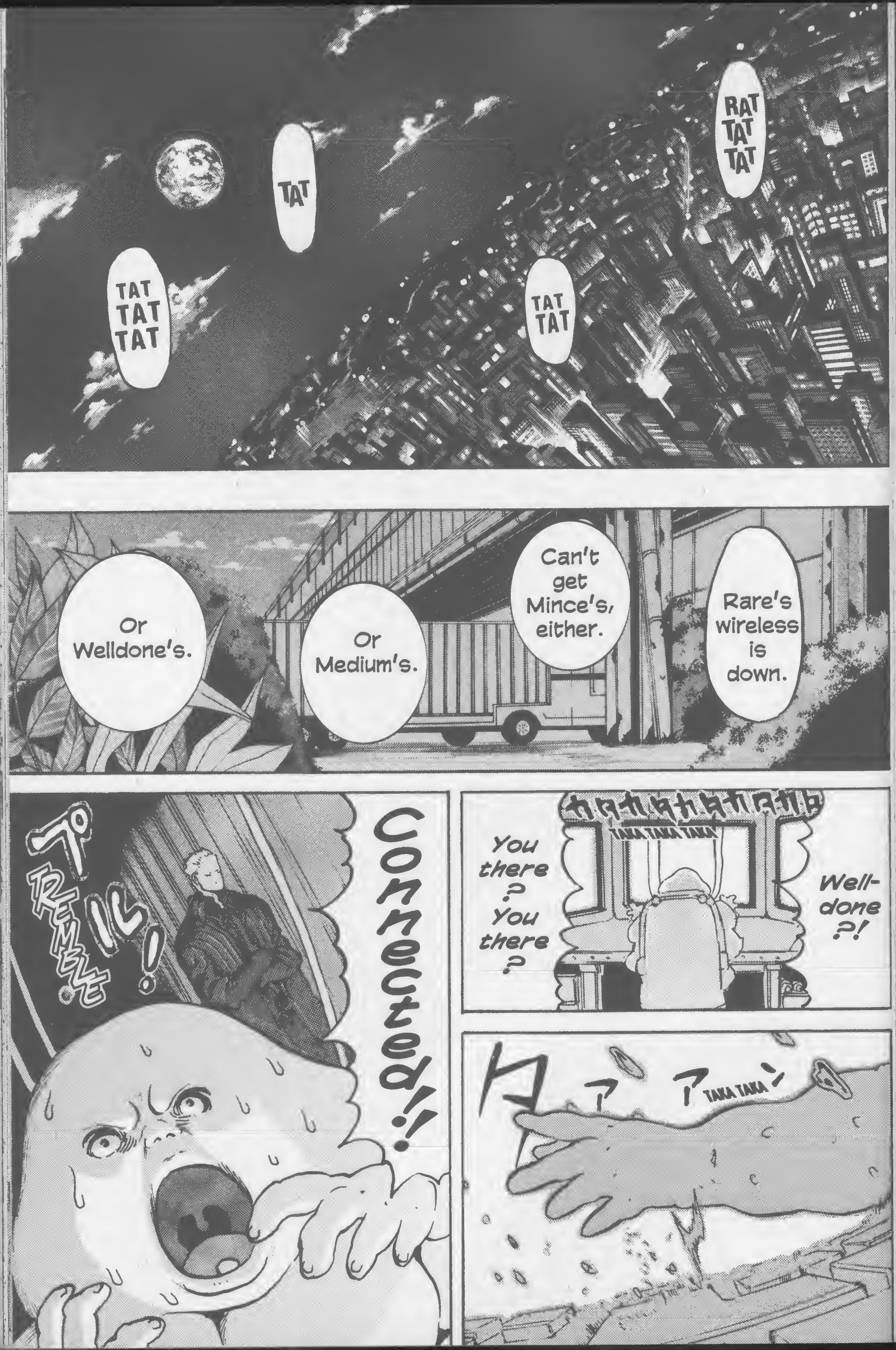

What the hell...
...is going on?
ドォ!
CRAAASH
ゴ
ROOOOOAR
KLIK
KLIK

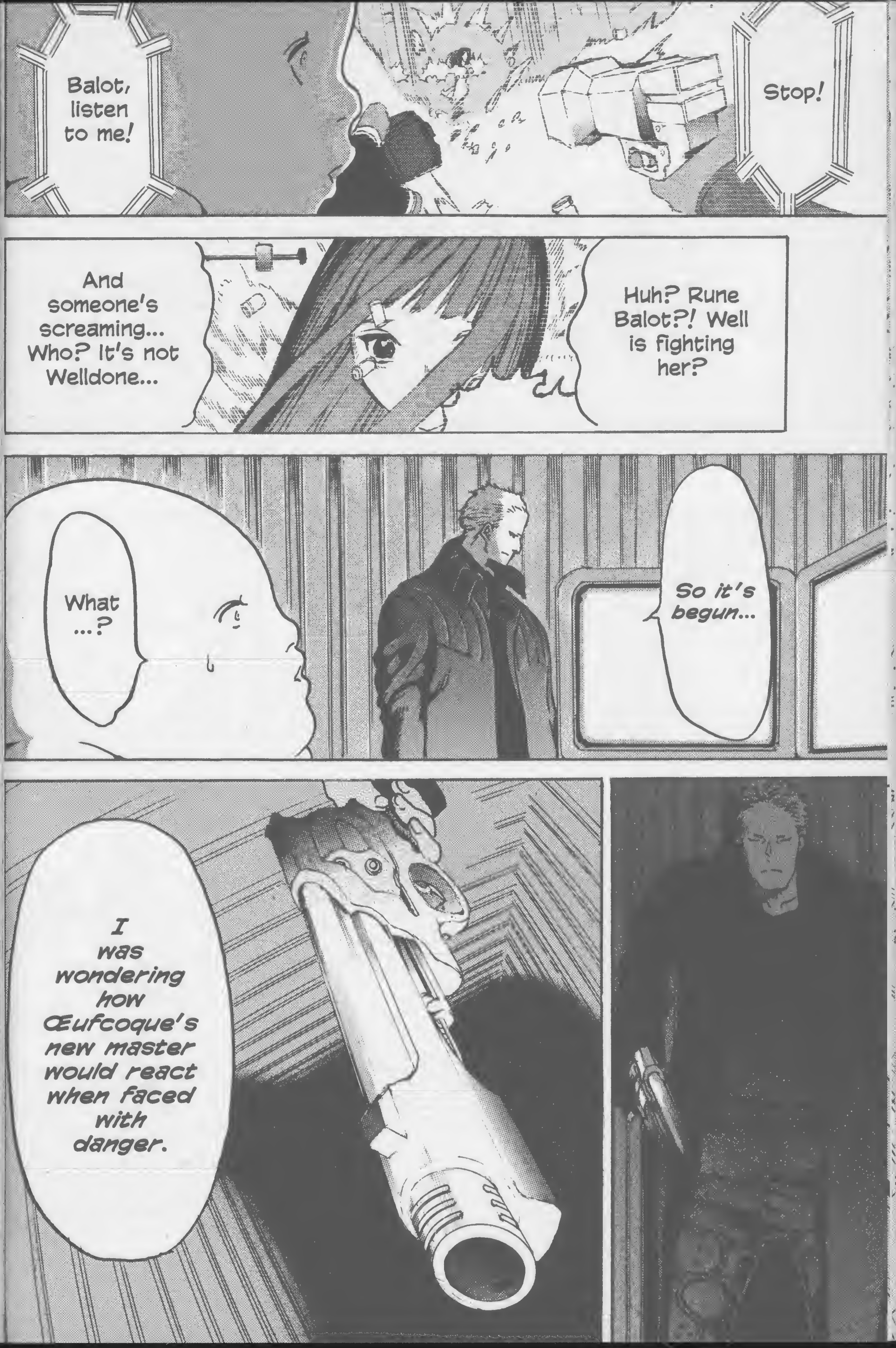

ガッ
GRAB
Wake up.
POP!
Let go let go let go let go let go!!
Let GOOOOOO!!

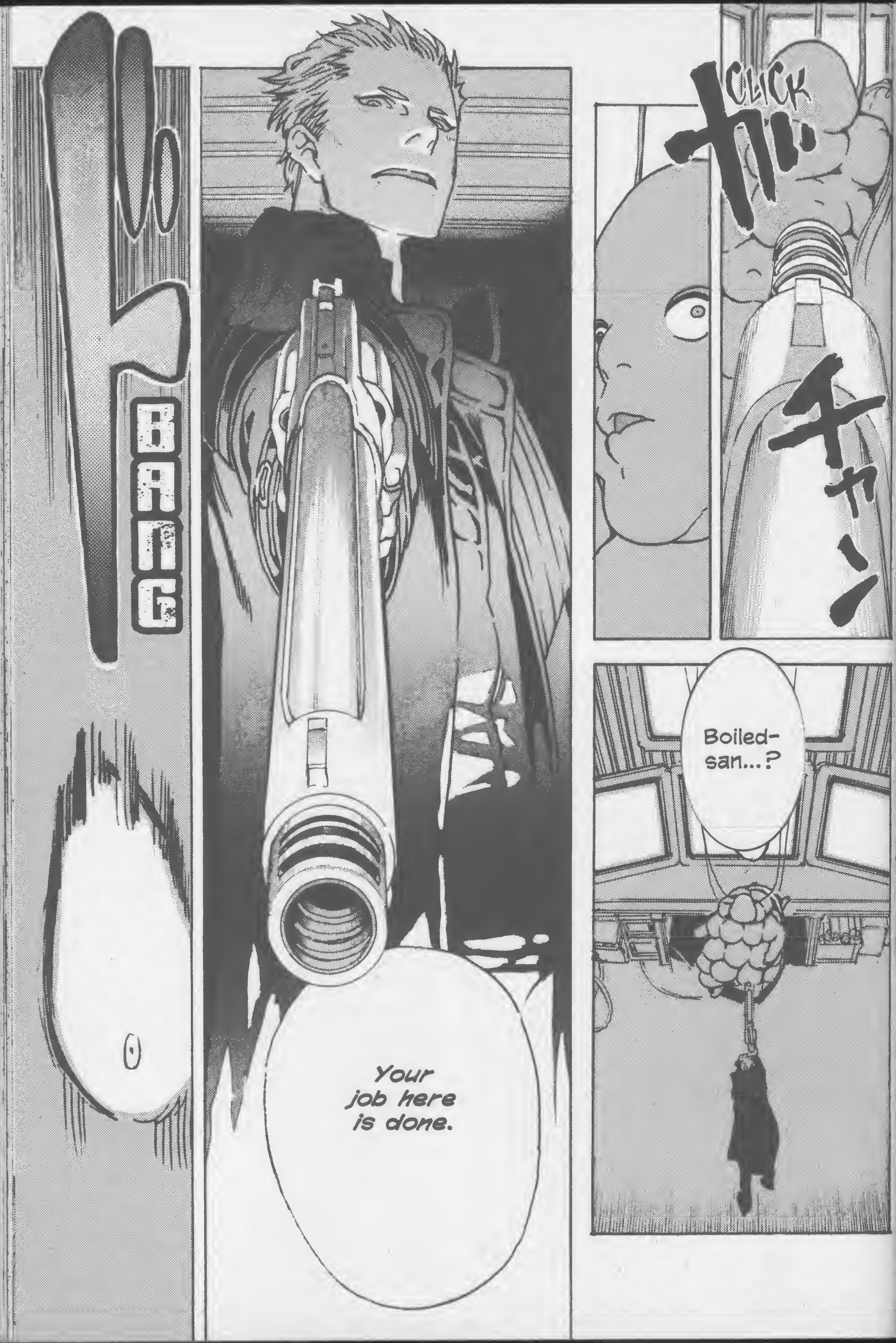

CRAAAASH
There. I let you go.
NYA
に
FSSSH
ひょい
!
"What is it...!
...Œufcoque?!"
NYA
にゃ
That's enough, Balot.
Any more and he'll die.

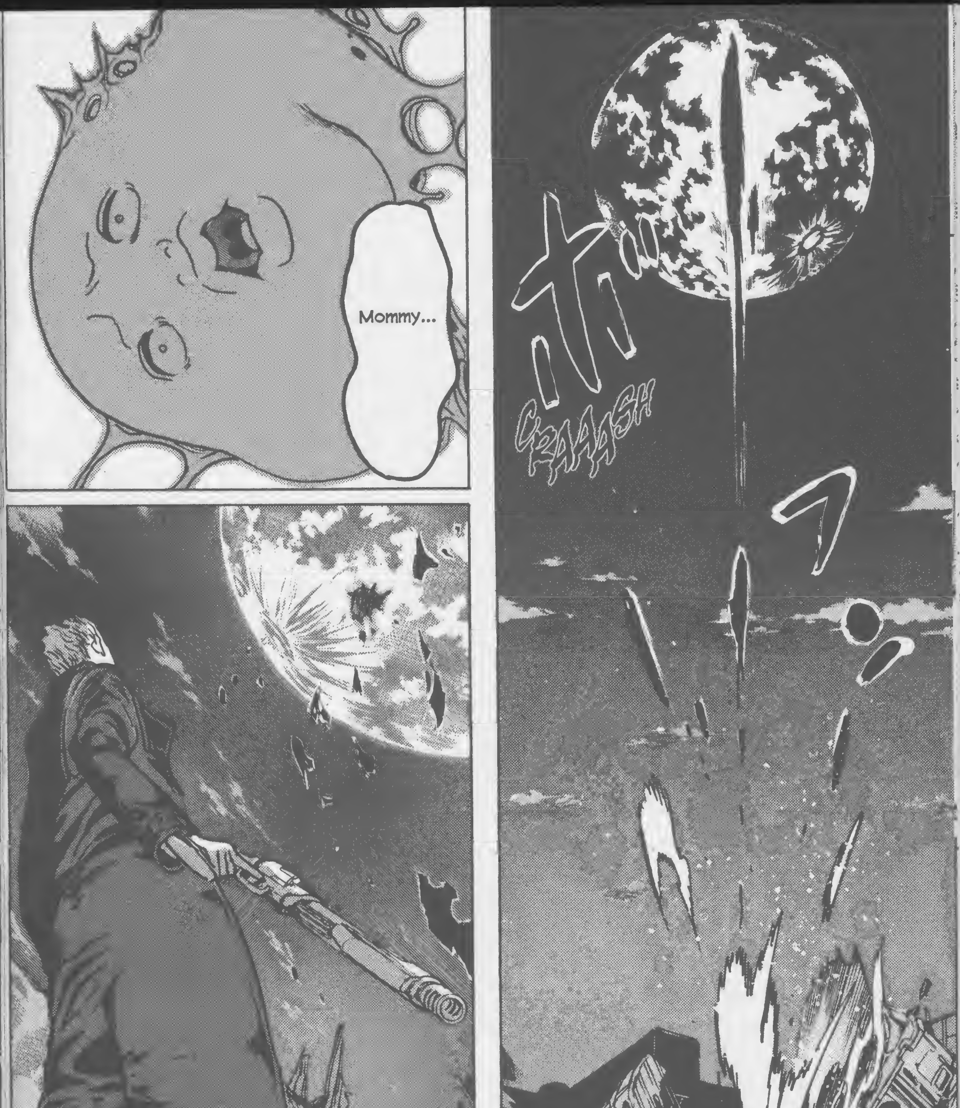

"It's fine. He used something to make himself stronger.
...he's not dead yet."
That's not what I mean!
I didn't say you could do whatever you wanted as long as you didn't kill him!
"Why are you so mad?
Look."
"He's moving.
STAGGER
It wasn't enough."
"You can't go easy on guys like him."
キュル
SPIN
Ugh...
"Don't be afraid, Œufcoque.
I'll protect you."

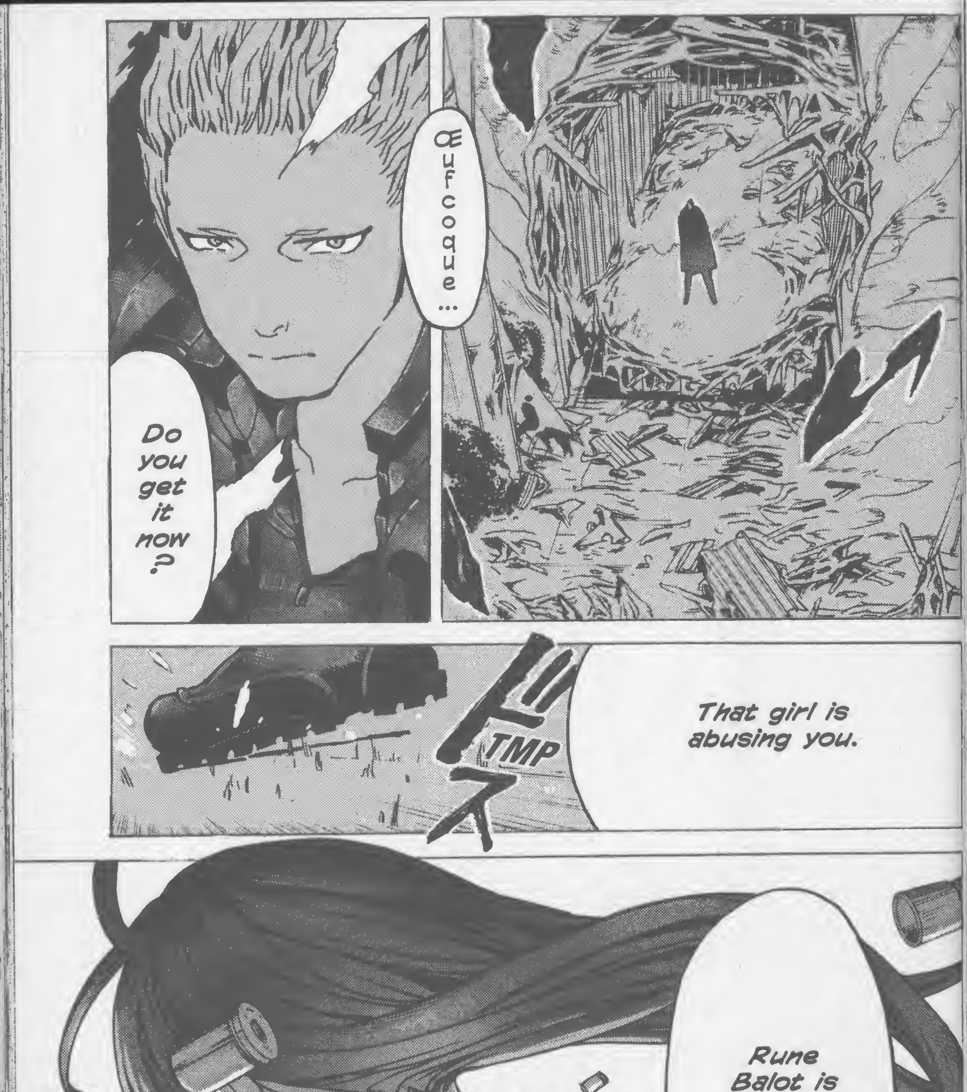

You're forcing snark on me?!
Balot, stop!!
Listen to me!!
SPIN SPIN SPIN SPIN
What...
...is that...?


RAT TAT TAT
TAT TAT
TAT
TAT TAT TAT
Rare's wireless is down.
Can't get Mince's, either.
Or Medium's.
Or Welldone's.
Well-done?!
TAKA TAKA TAKA
You there? You there?
Connected!!
TREMBLE
TAKA TAKA


Stop!
Balot, listen to me!
Huh? Rune Balot?! Well is fighting her?
And someone's screaming... Who? It's not Welldone...
So it's begun...
What ...?
I was wondering how Œufcoque's new master would react when faced with danger.


CLICK
チャン
Boiled-san...?
BANG
Your job here is done.


CRAAASH
Mommy...


Œufcoque...
Do you get it now?
TMP
That girl is abusing you.
Rune Balot is no longer your partner.

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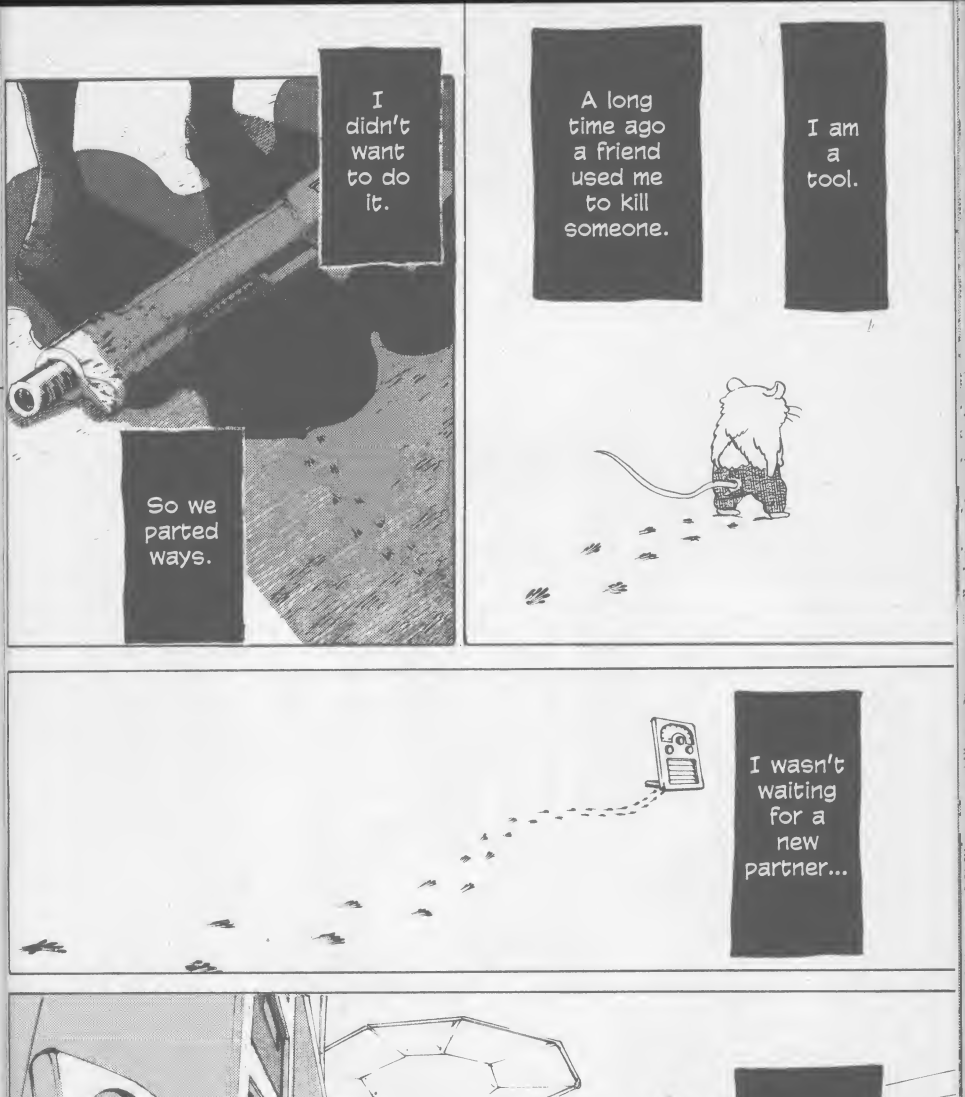
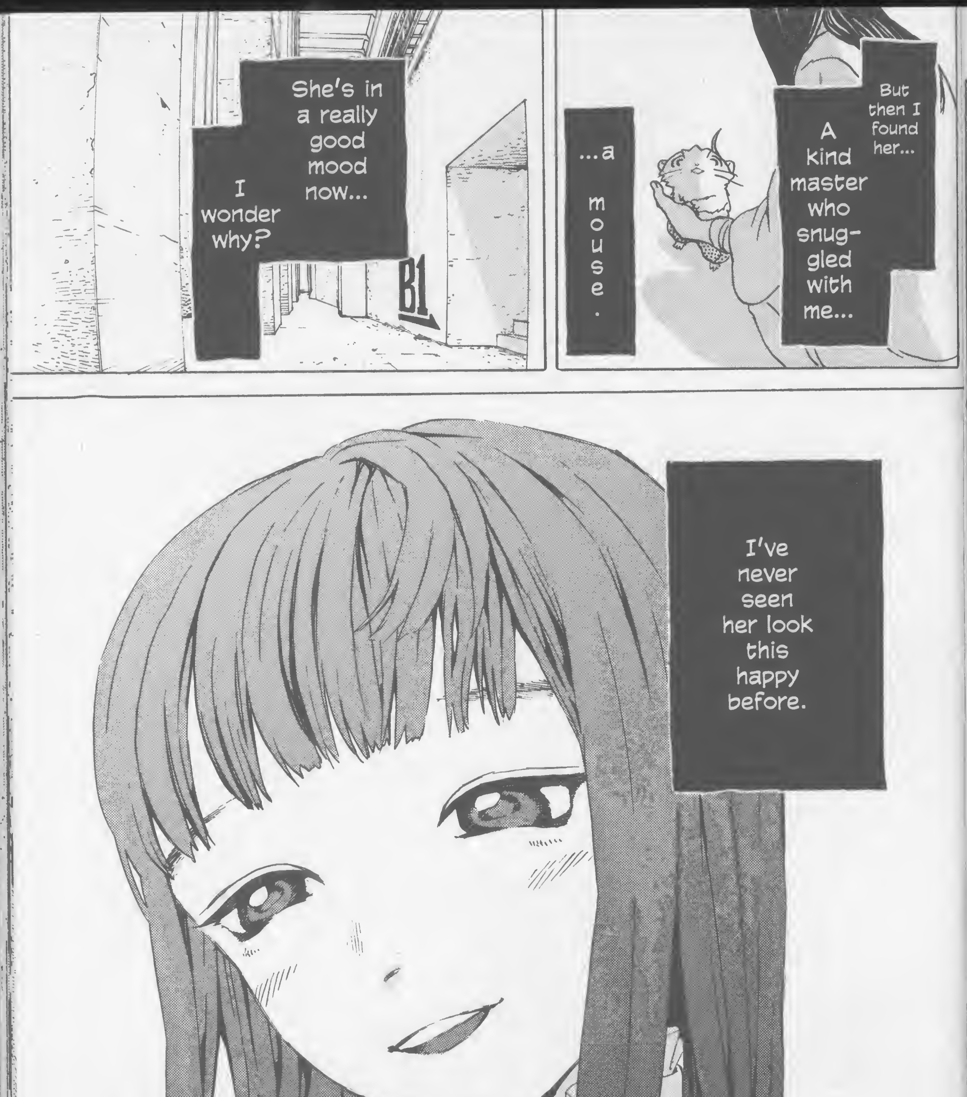
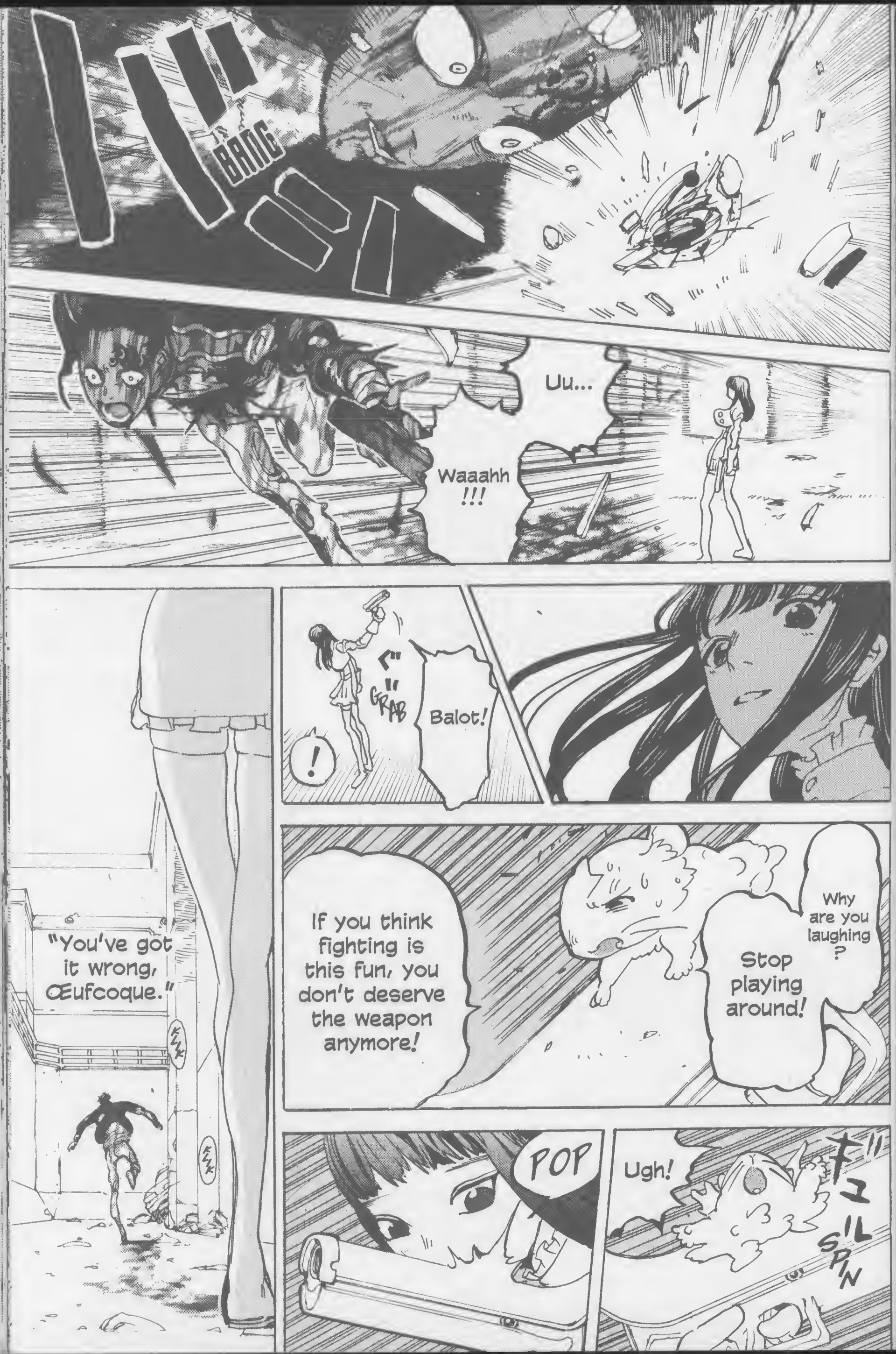
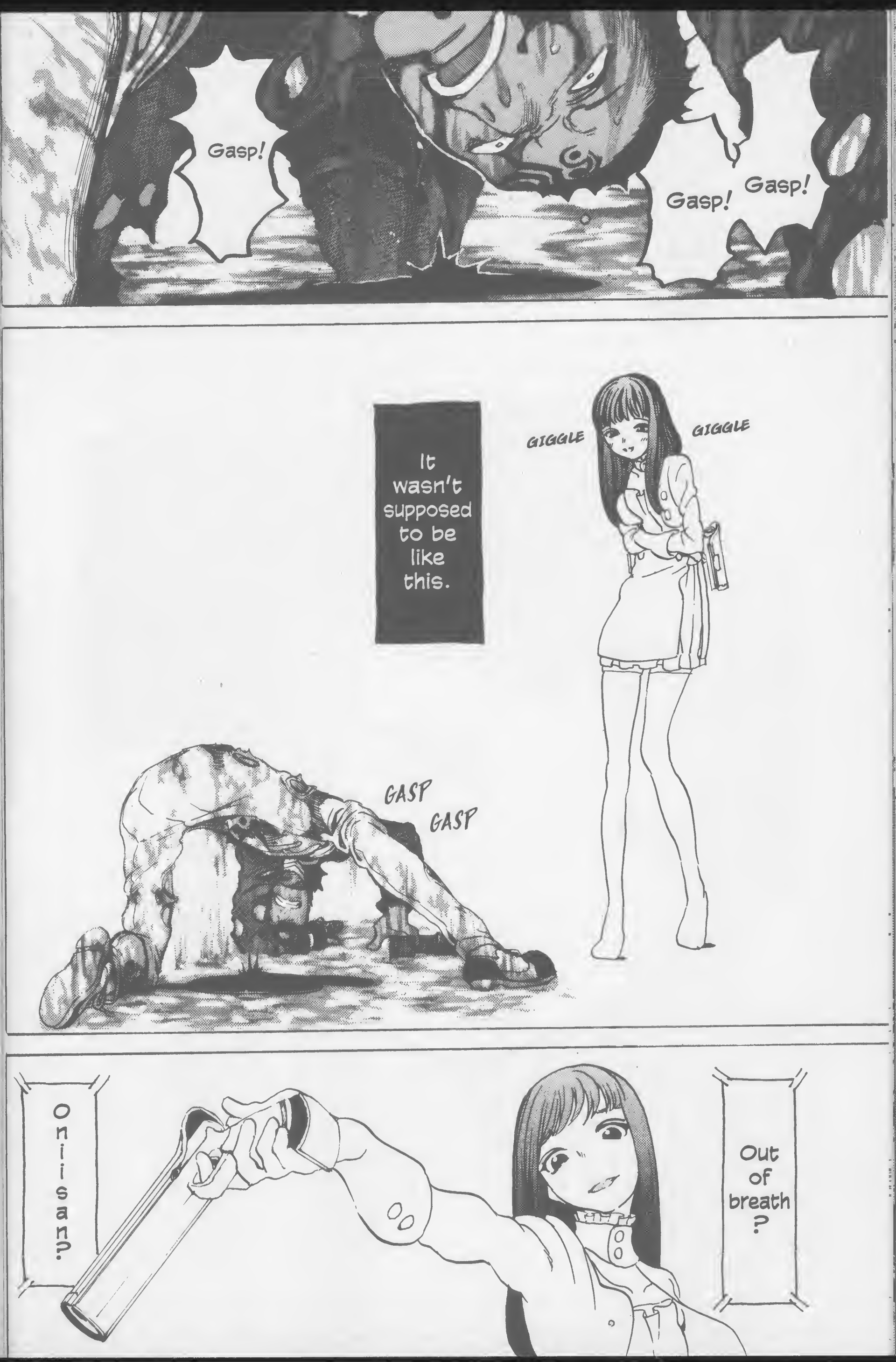
Chapter 10: Spark (4)

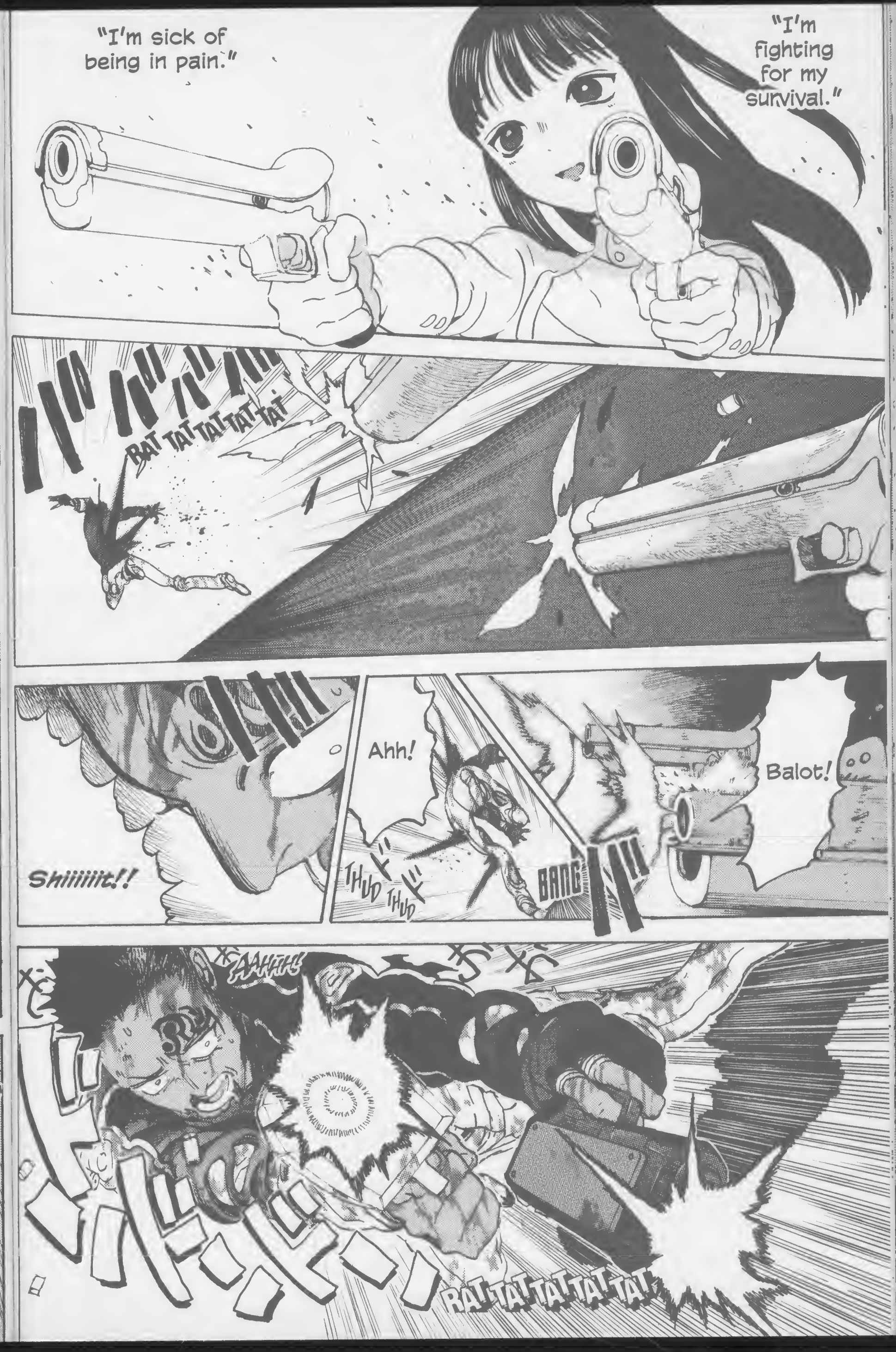
MARDOCK SCRAMBLE

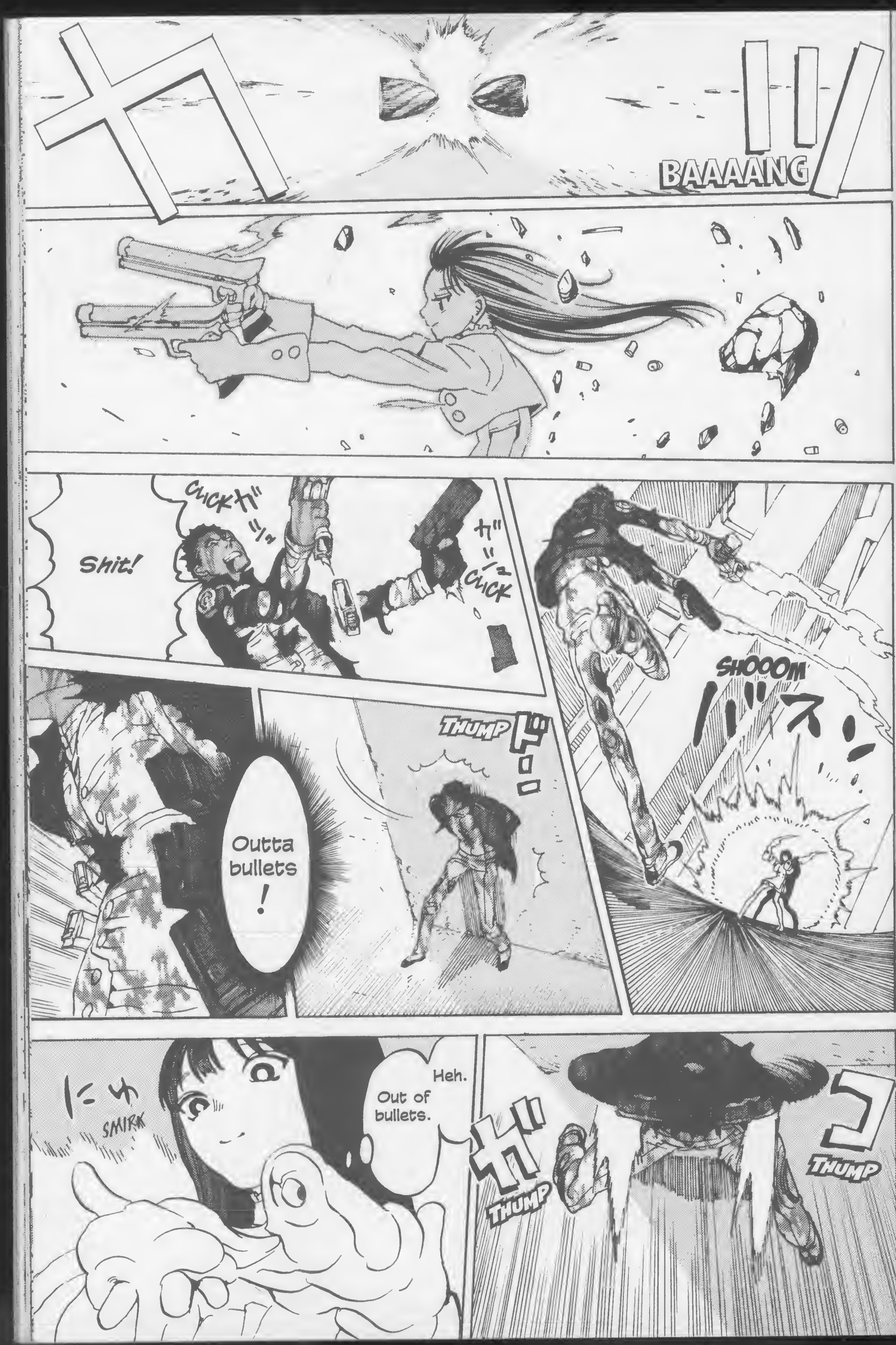

I am a tool.
A long time ago a friend used me to kill someone.
I didn't want to do it.
So we parted ways.
I wasn't waiting for a new partner...
I was just waiting... because I am a tool.

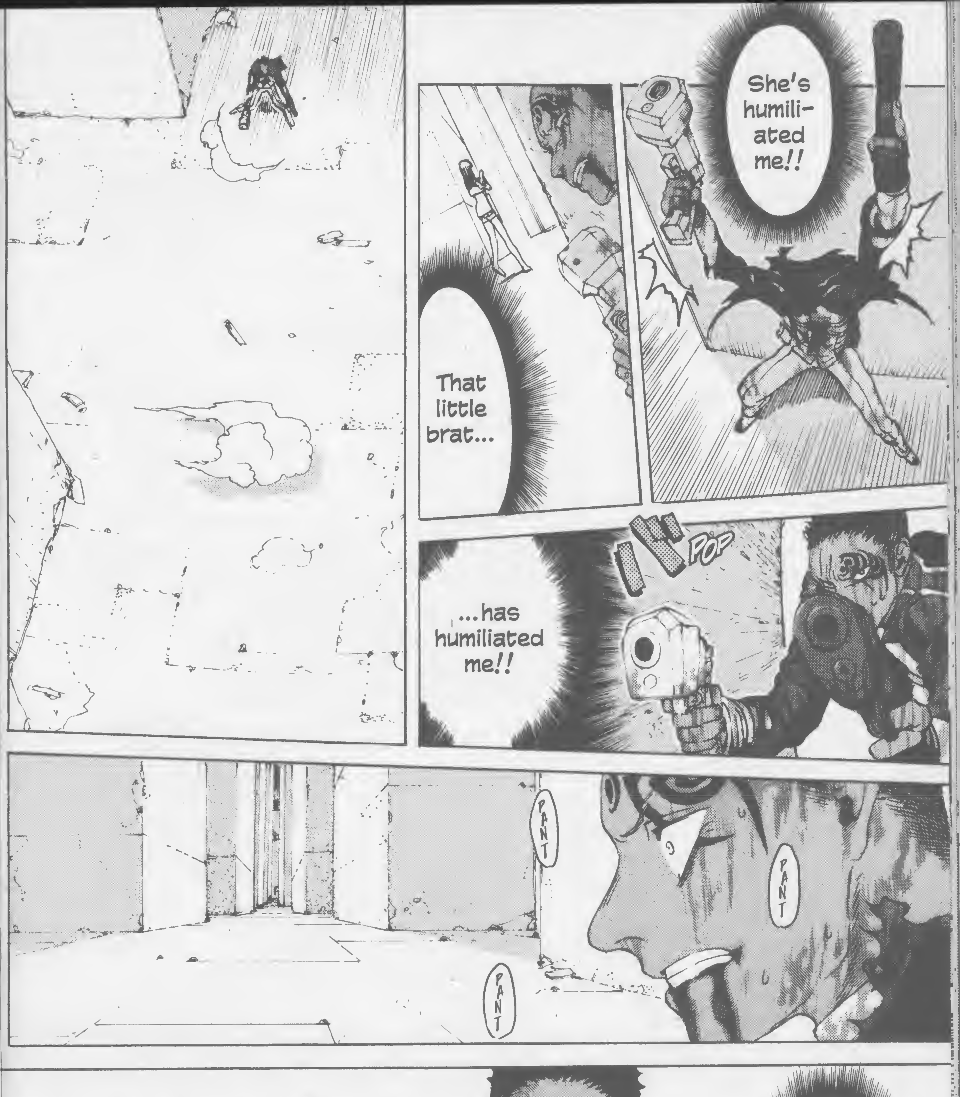

But then I found her...
A kind master who snuggled with me...
...a mouse.
She's in a really good mood now...
I wonder why?
B1
I've never seen her look this happy before.

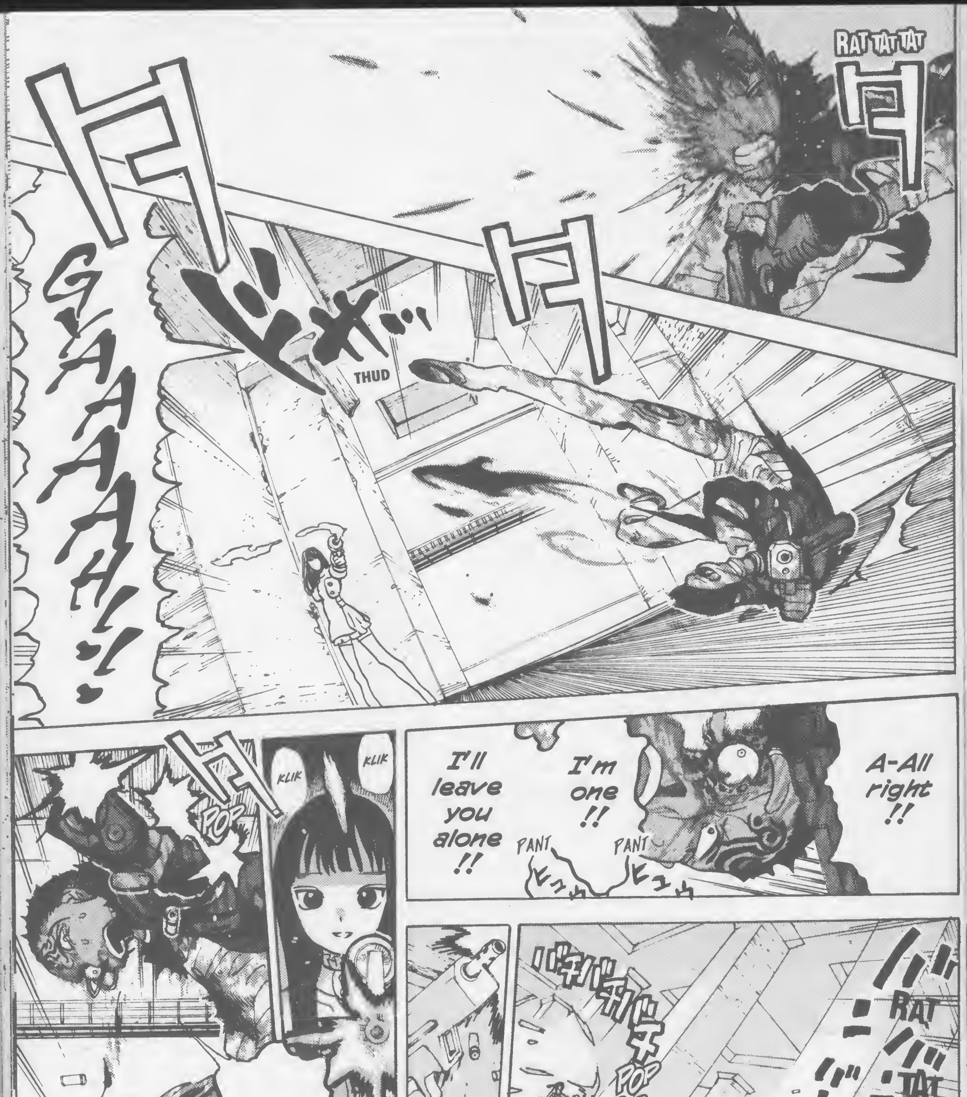

BANG
Uu...
Waaahh!!!
GRAB
!
Balot!
Stop playing around!
Why are you laughing?
If you think fighting is this fun, you don't deserve the weapon anymore!
POP
Ugh!
SPIN
"You've got it wrong, Œufcoque."
FWK
FWK

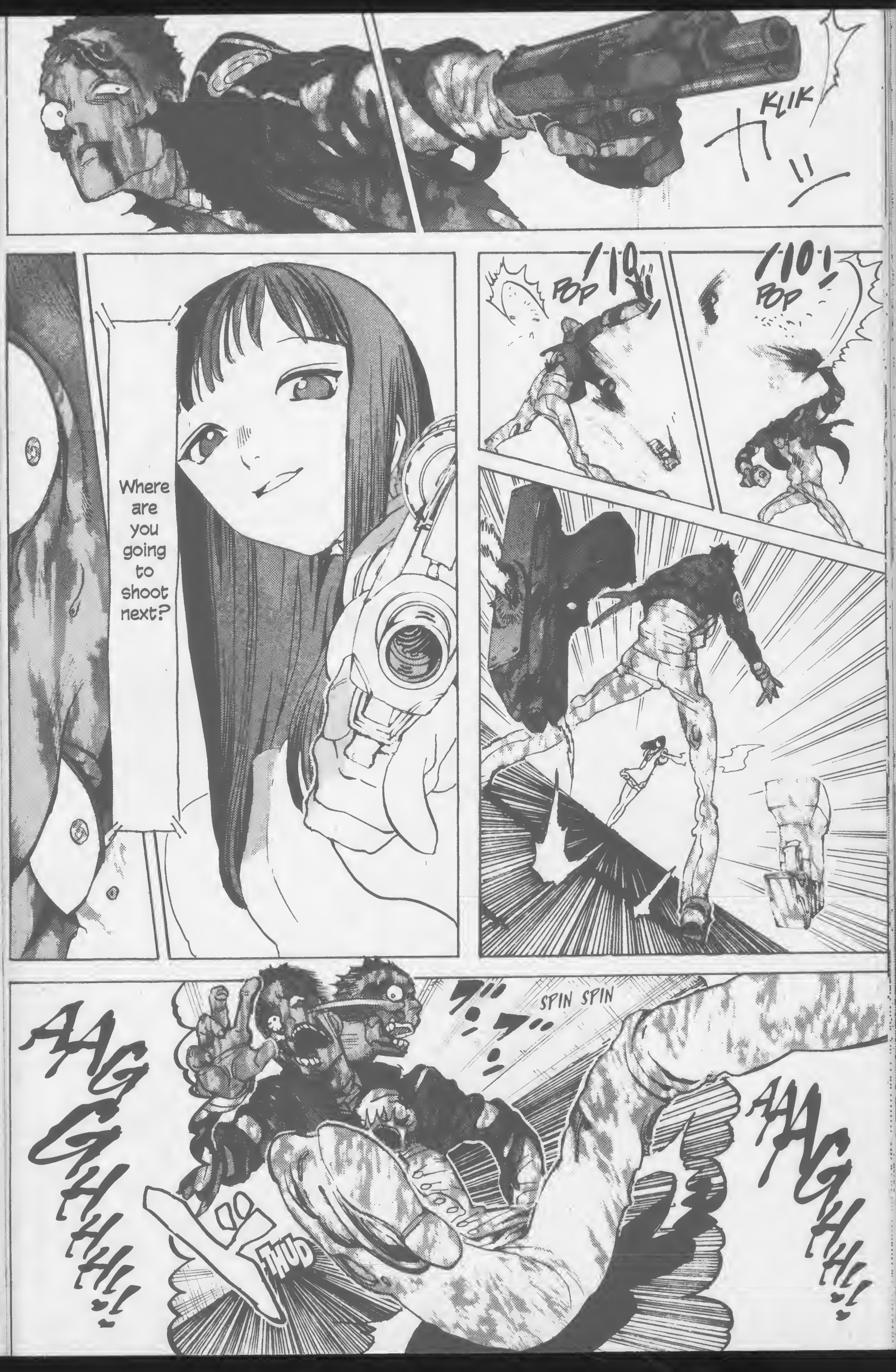

Gasp!
Gasp!
Gasp!
It wasn't supposed to be like this.
GIGGLE
GIGGLE
GASP
GASP
Oniisan?
Out of breath?

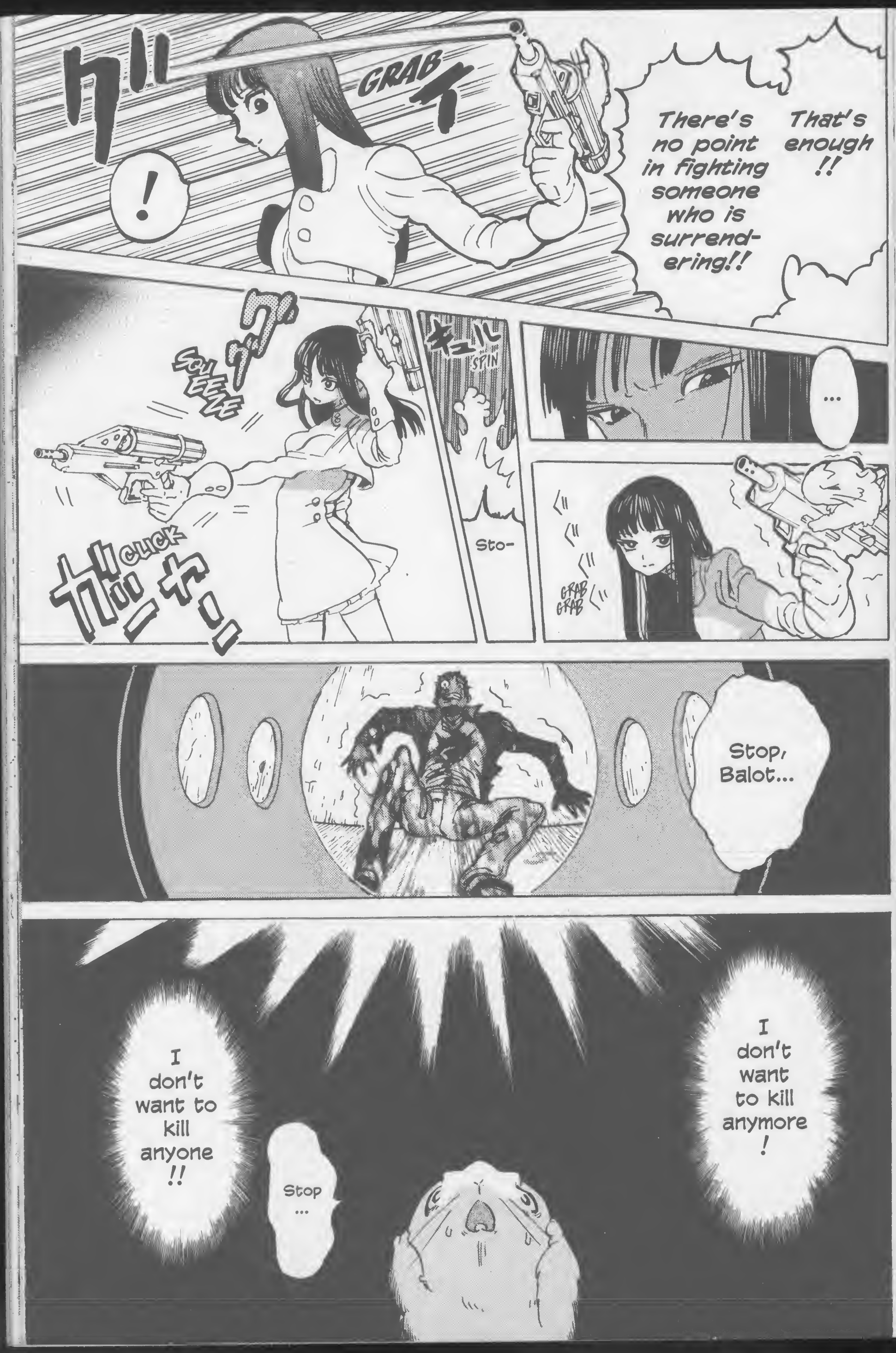

"I'm fighting for my survival."
"I'm sick of being in pain."
BAT TAT TAT TAT TAT
Balot!
BANG
Ahh!
THUD THUD
Shiiiiit!!
AAHHH!
RAT TAT TAT TAT TAT TAT

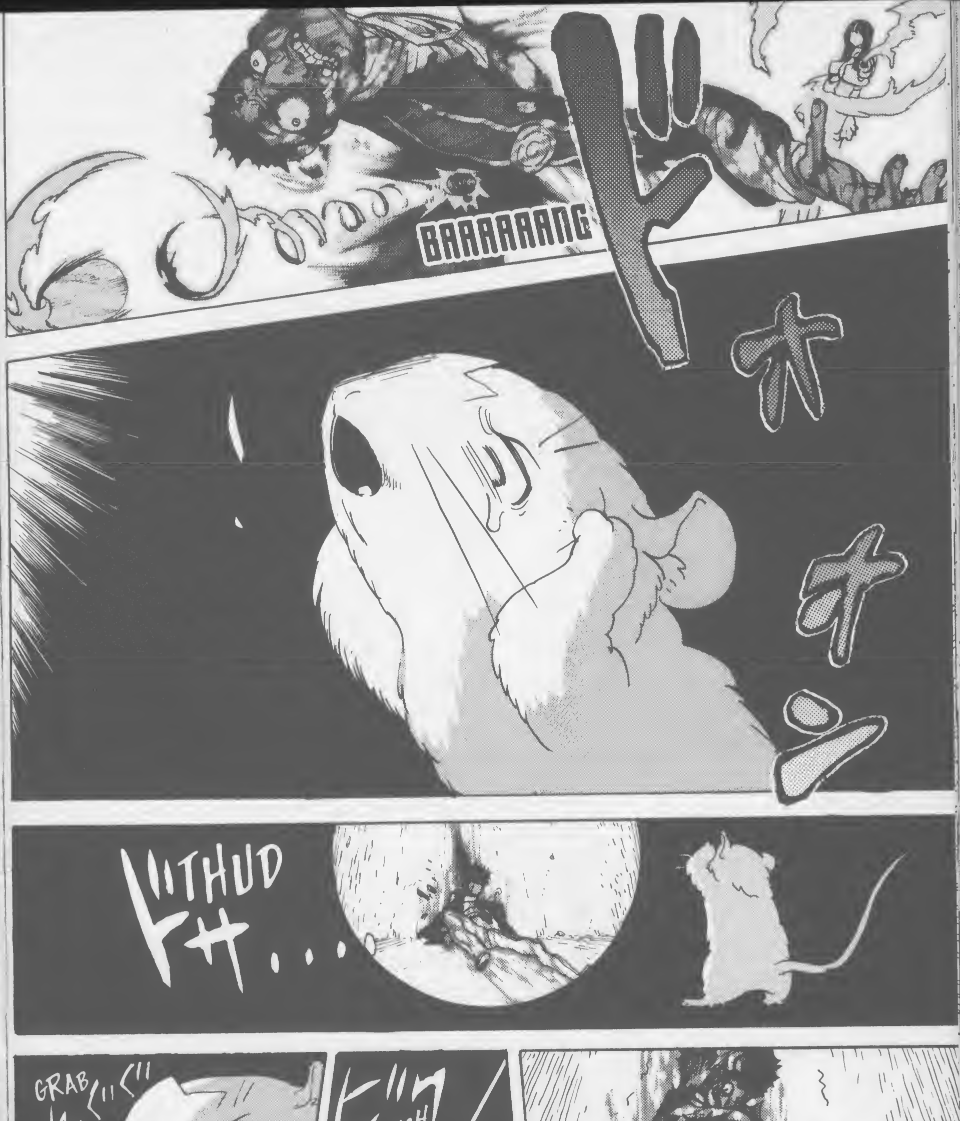

BAAAANG
CLICK
CLICK
Shit!
SHOOOM
THUMP
Outta bullets!
Heh. Out of bullets.
にゅ
SMIRK
THUMP
THUMP

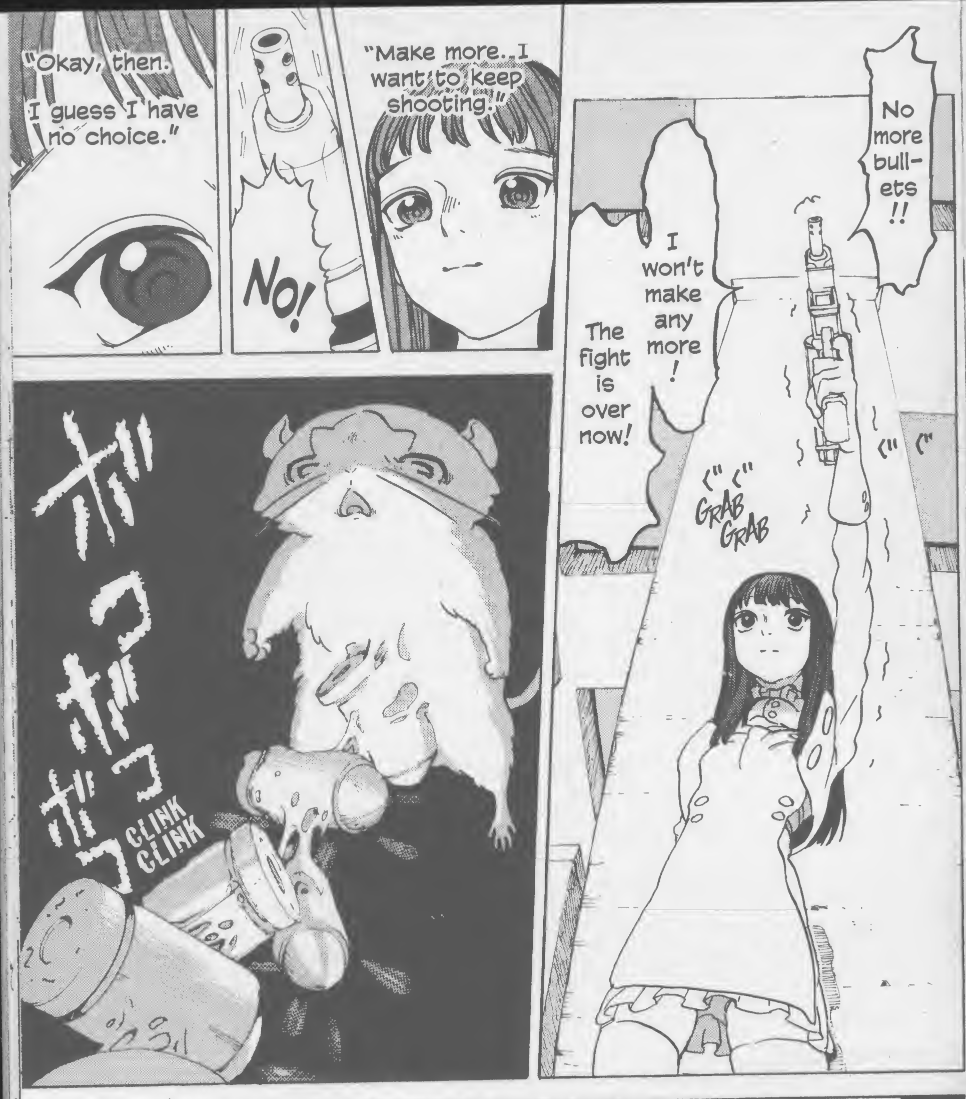

She's humiliated me!!
That little brat...
POP
...has humiliated me!!
PANT
PANT
PANT
Where is she?!

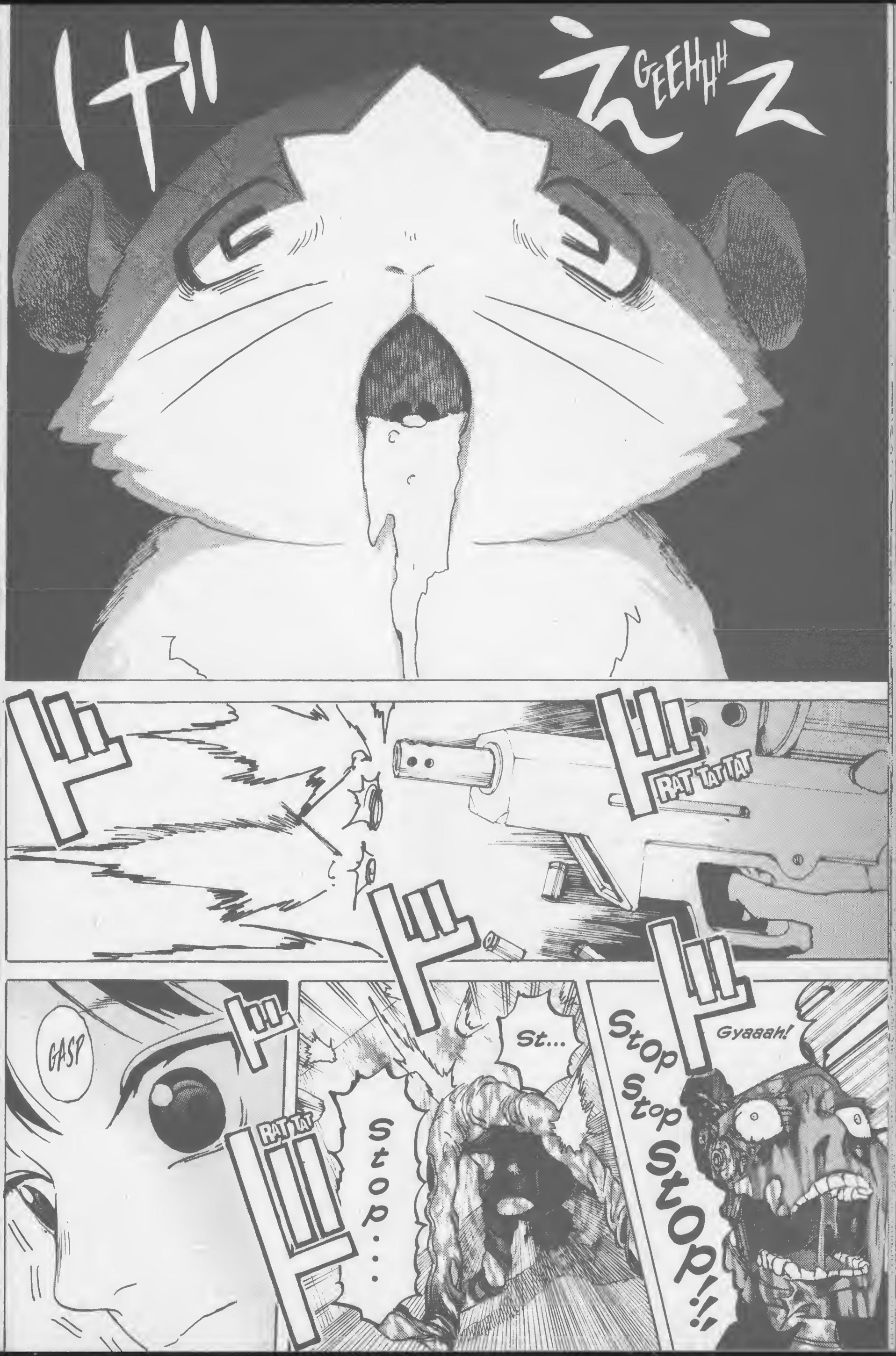

RAT TAT TAT
THUD
GYAAAAAH!!
A-All right!!
I'm one!!
I'll leave you alone!!
PANT
PANT
KLIK
KLIK
POP
Stop shooting!
RAT TAT TAT
POP POP POP POP
Please stop!!
Don't go after him!
Stay away!!


KLIK
POP
POP
Where are you going to shoot next?
SPIN SPIN
AAAGHH!!
THUD
AAGGHHH!!

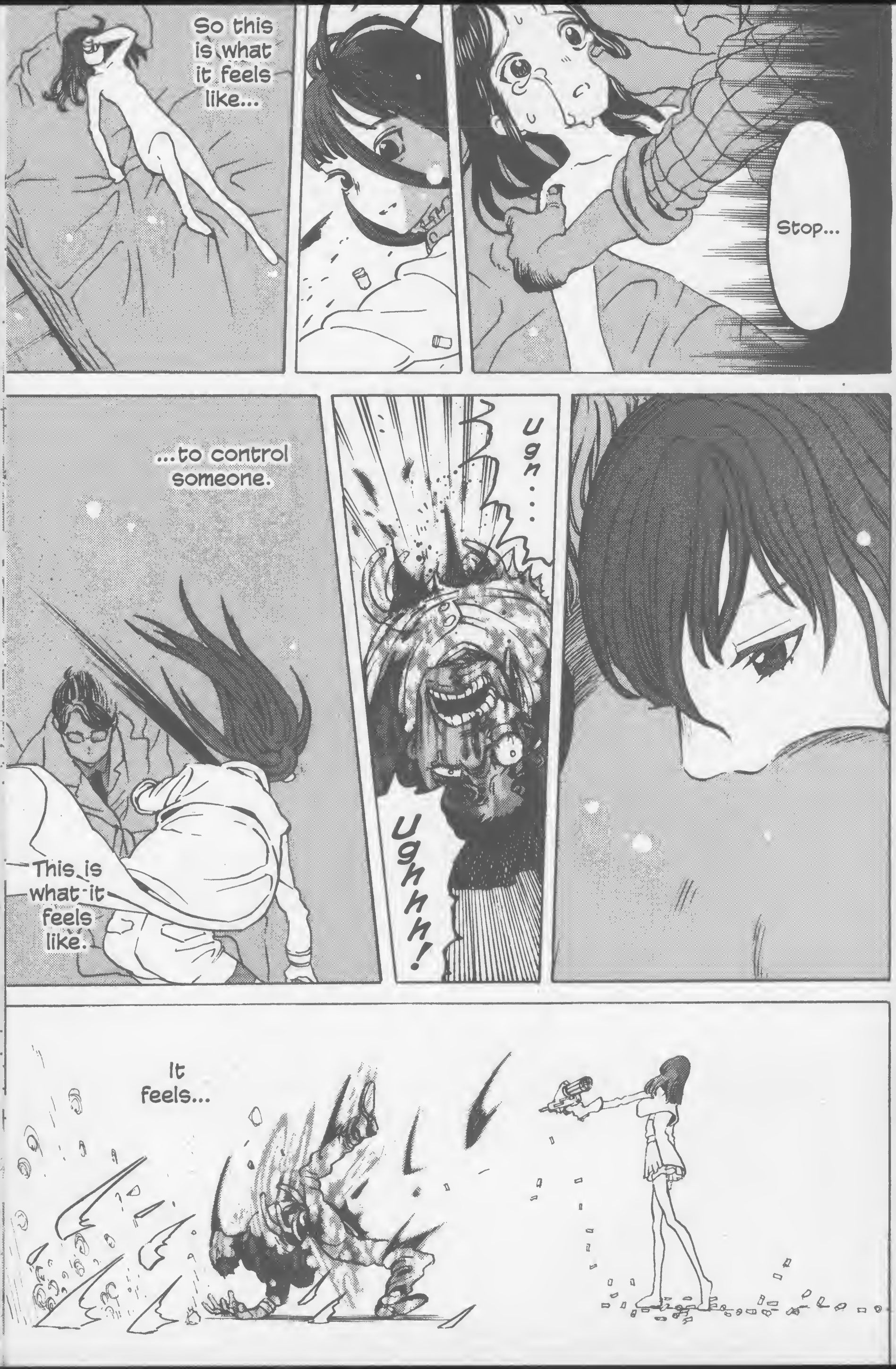

That's enough!!
There's no point in fighting someone who is surrendering!!
GRAB
!
...
キュル
SPIN
SQUEEZE
CLICK
Sto-
GRAB GRAB
Stop, Balot...
I don't want to kill anymore!
I don't want to kill anyone!!
Stop ...


ドッ
BAAAAAANG
オオン
ドサ…
THUD
GRAB
ぐぐ
GRAB
ビクッ
FLINCH
I can't believe he's still alive.

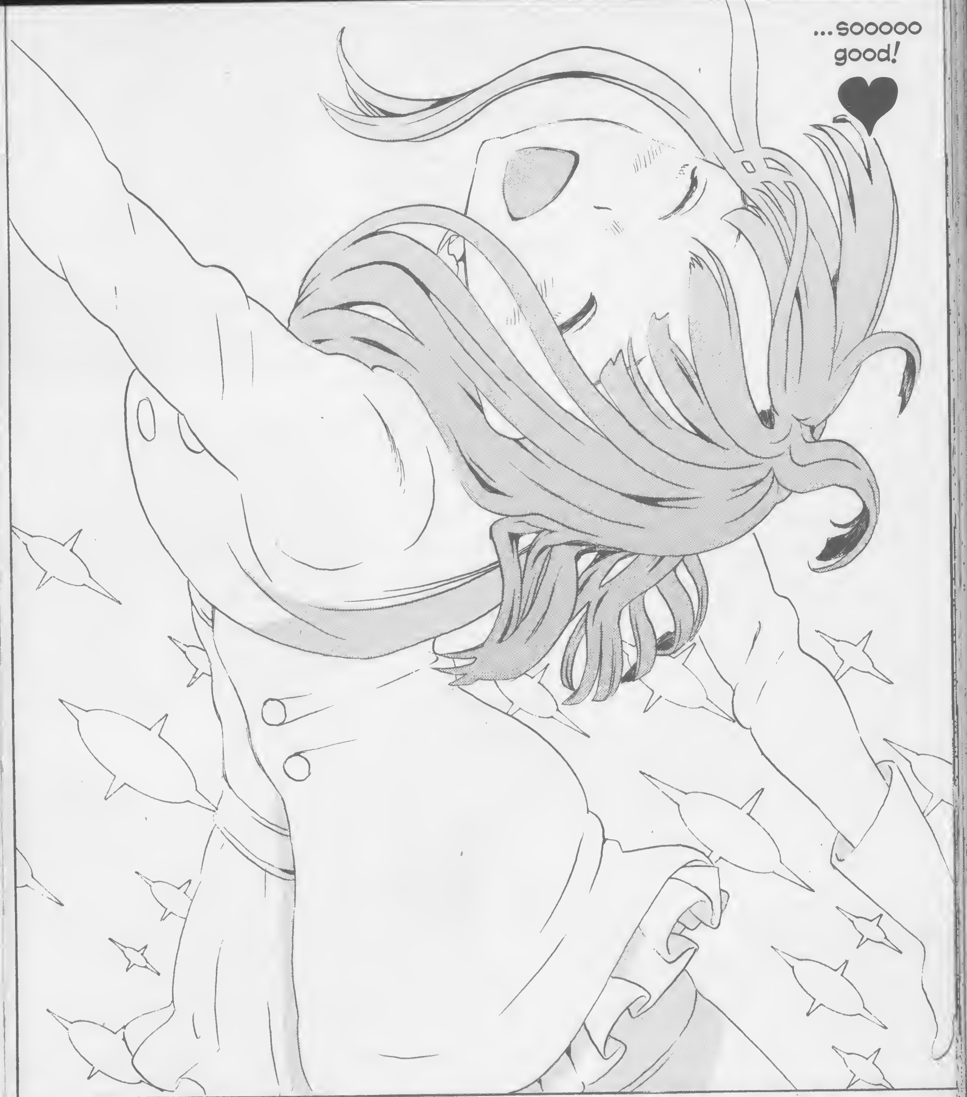

"Make more..I want to keep shooting!"
NO!
"Okay, then. I guess I have no choice."
No more bullets!!
I won't make any more!
The fight is over now!
ぐぐ
GRAB GRAB
ボコボコボコ
CLINK CLINK
"I'll have to do it instead!"

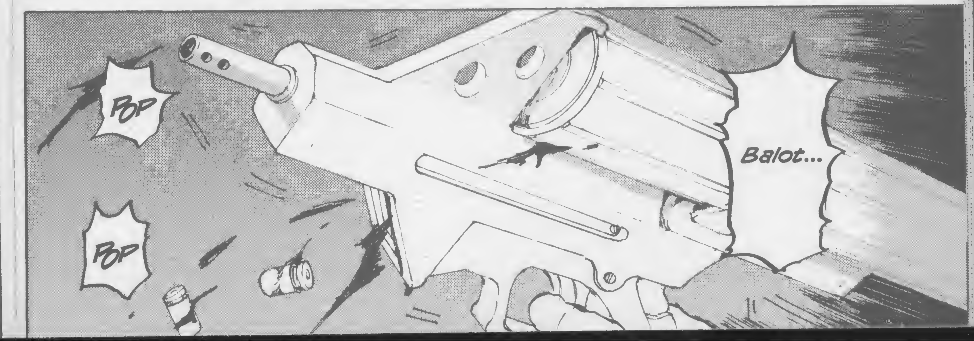


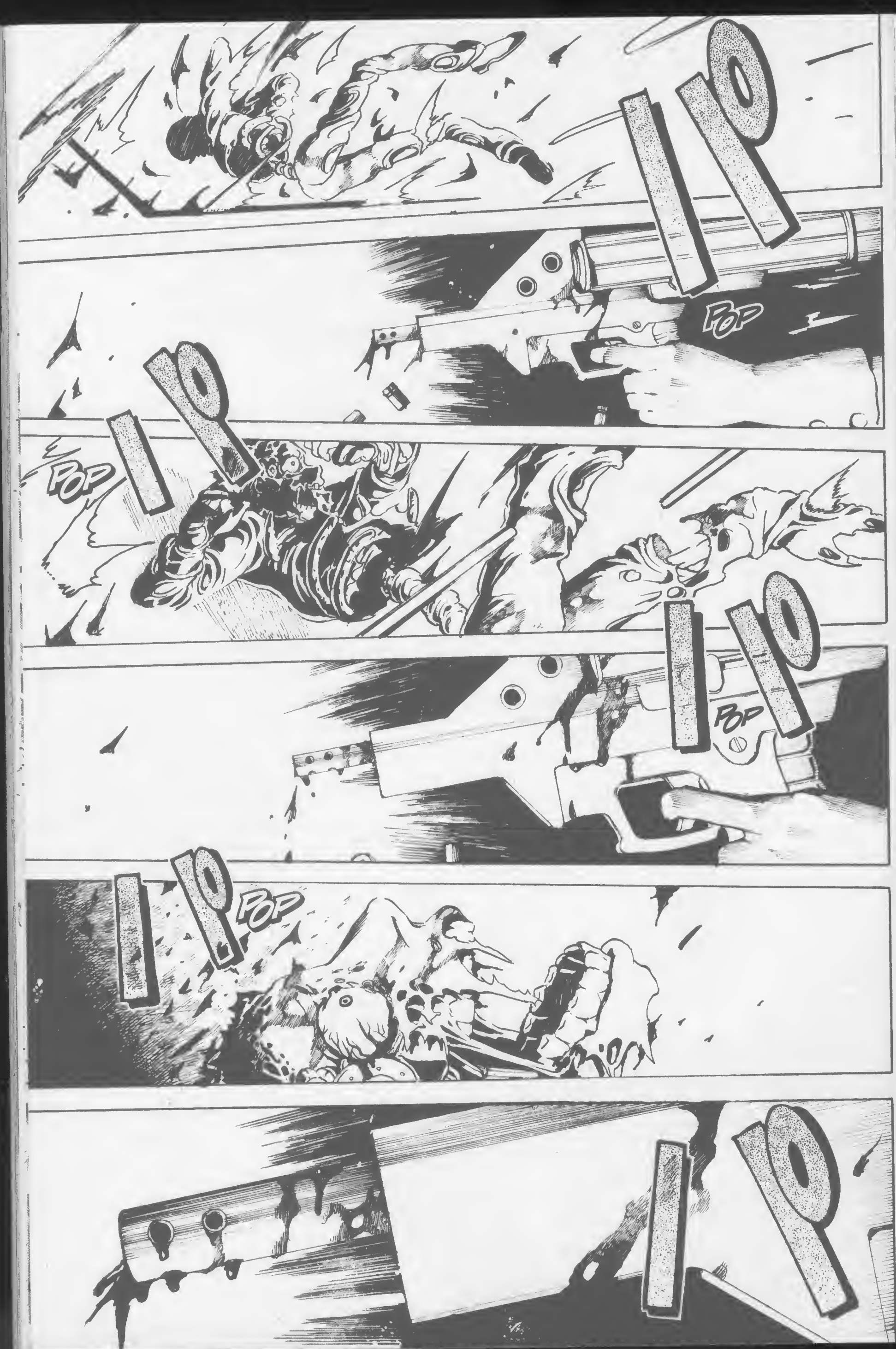
えGEEHHHえ
ドド
RAT TAT TAT
ドド
ドド
Gyaaah!
Stop
Stop
STOP!!!
St...
Stop...
RAT TAT
GASP

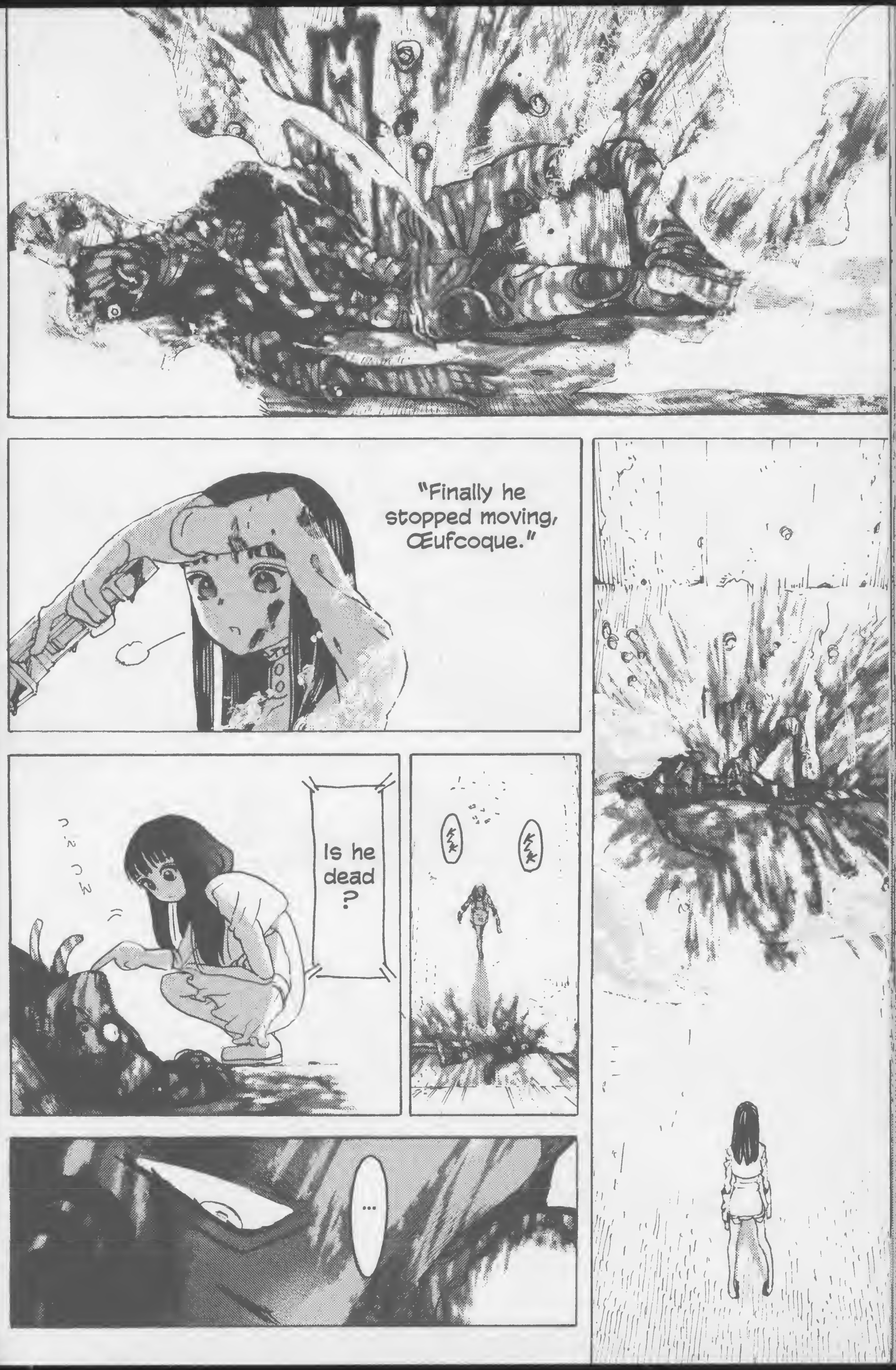


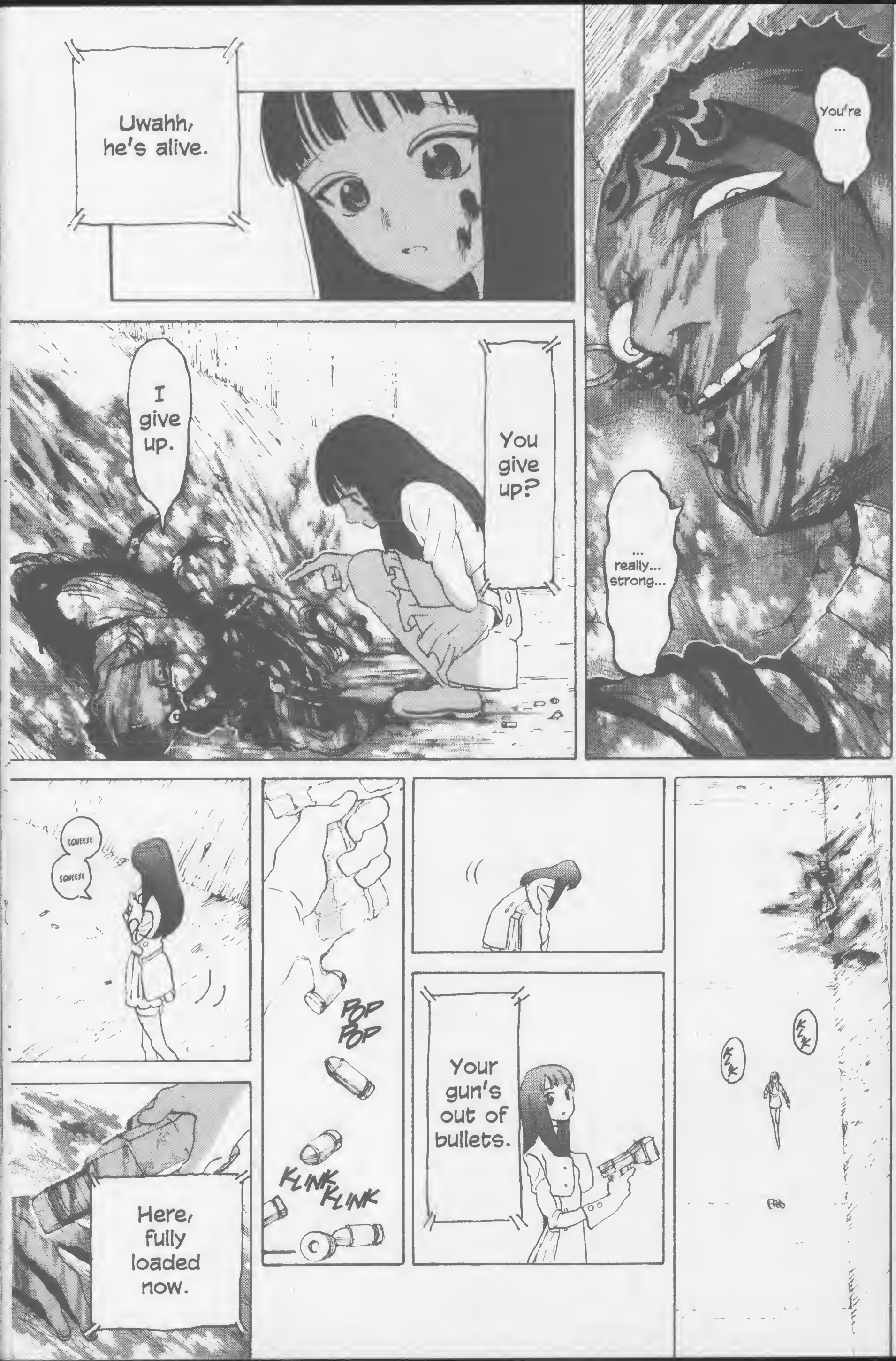
Stop...
So this is what it feels like...
Ugn...
Ughhhh!
...to control someone.
This is what it feels like.
It feels...

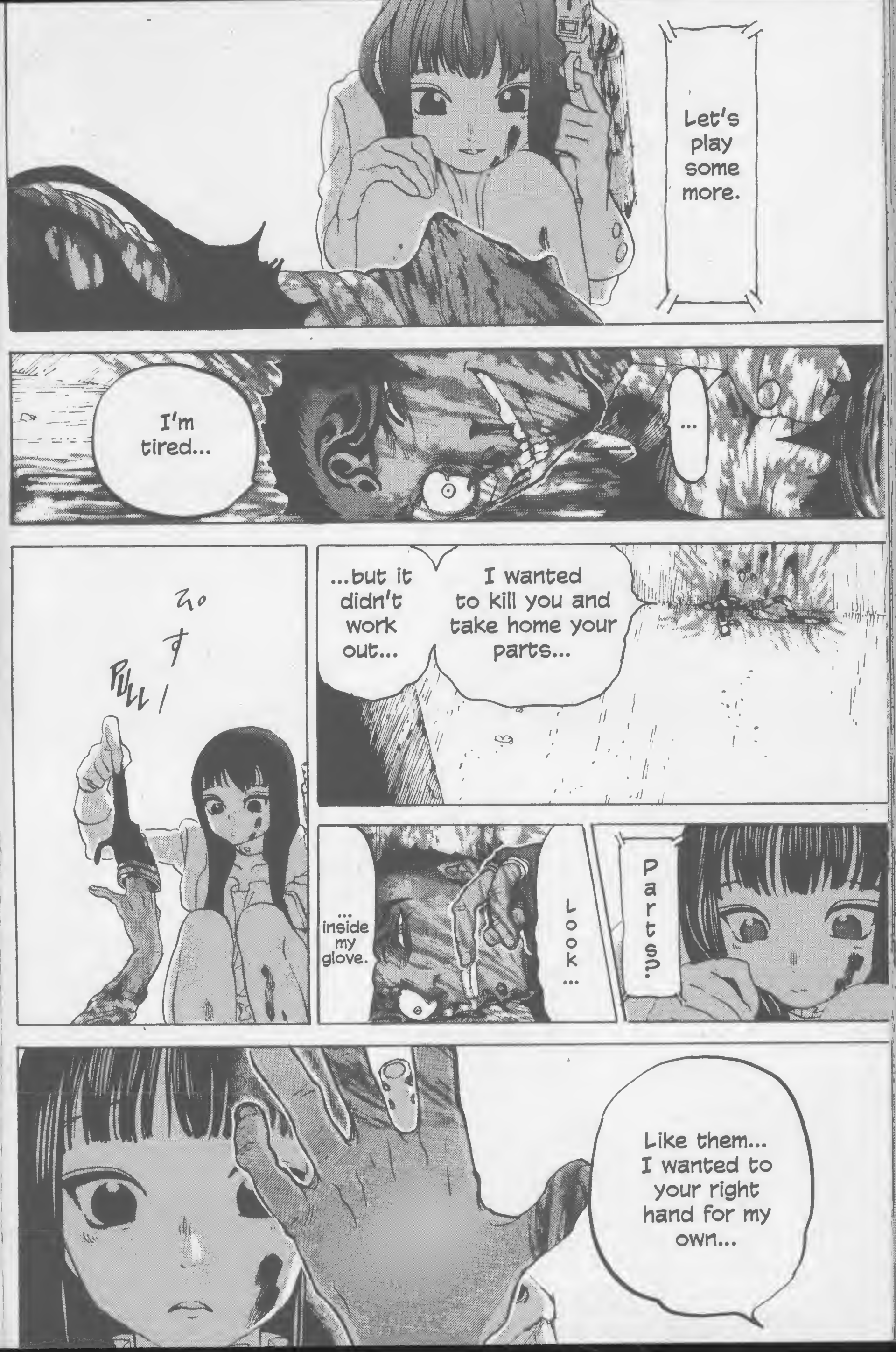

...sooooo
good!
♥

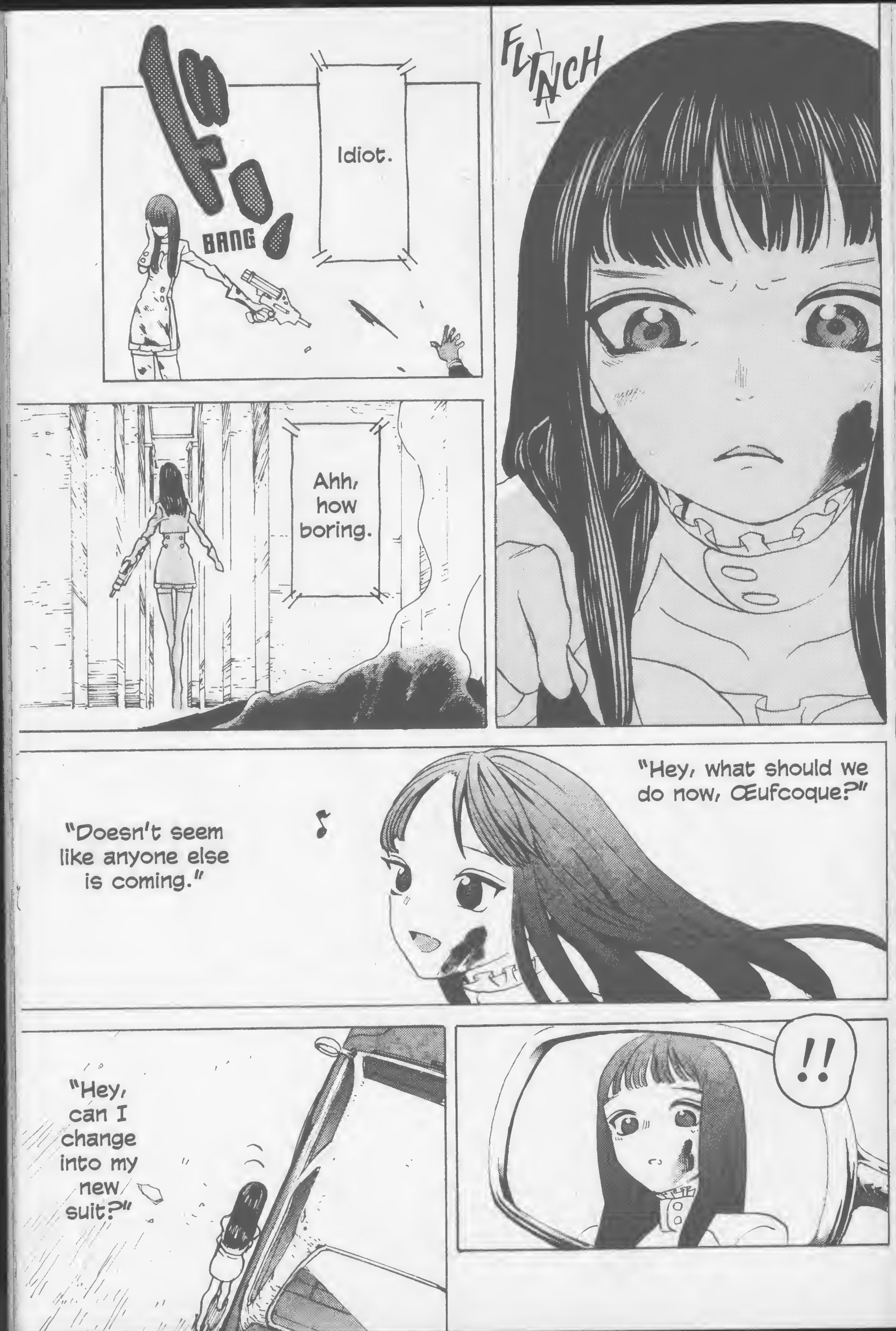

Balot...
POP
POP

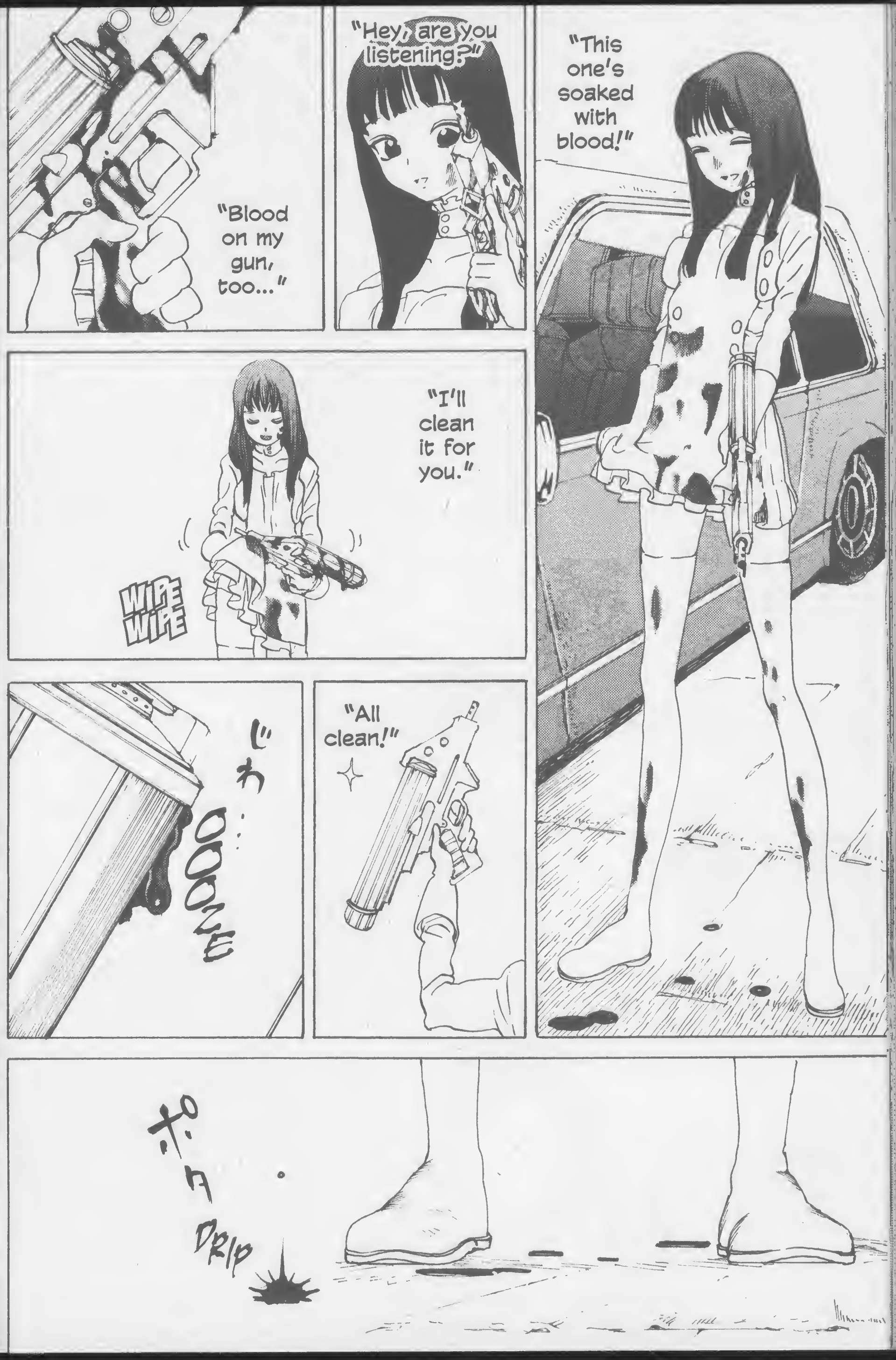

POP
POP
POP
POP

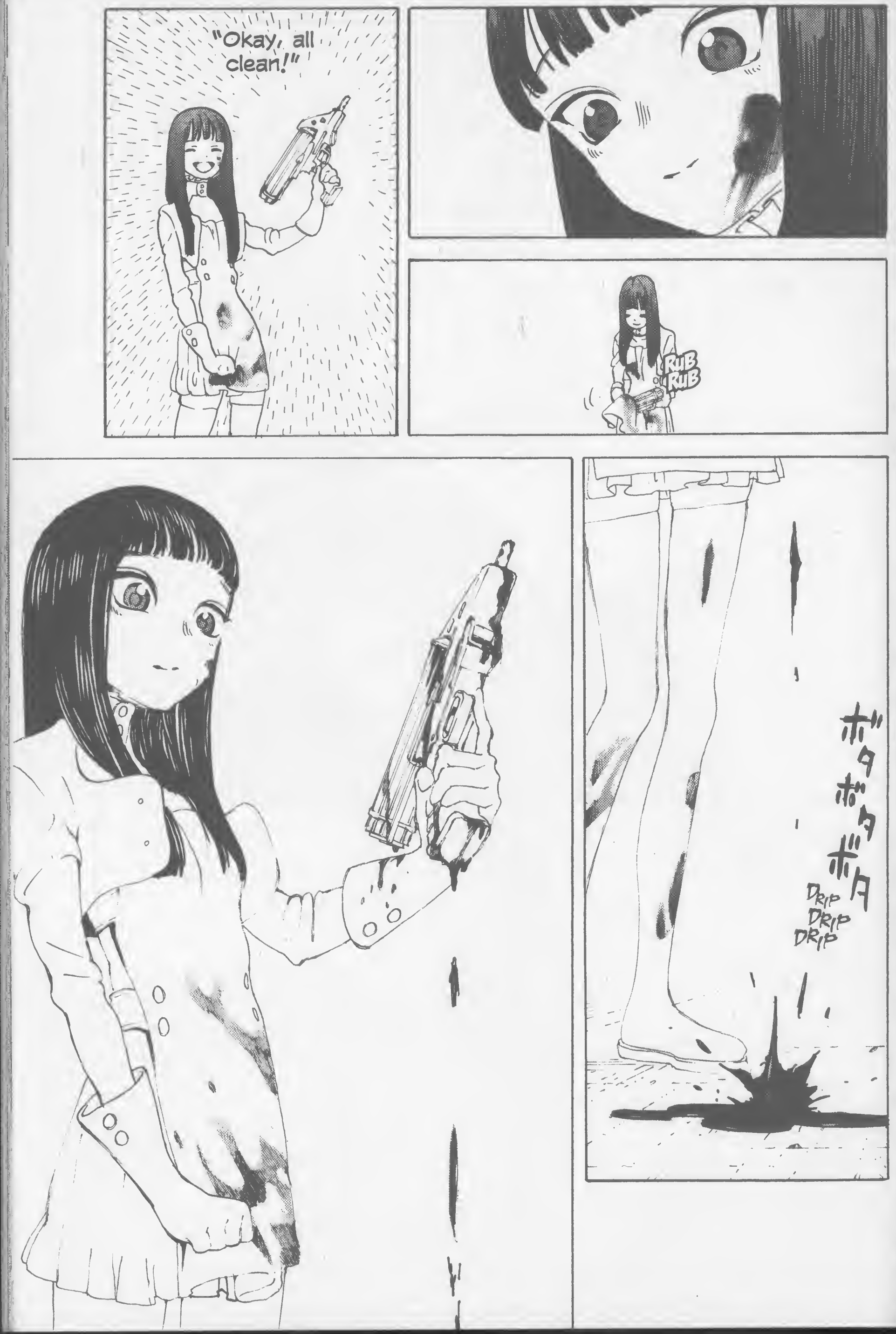

"Finally he stopped moving, Œufcoque."
KLK
KLK
Is he dead?
...

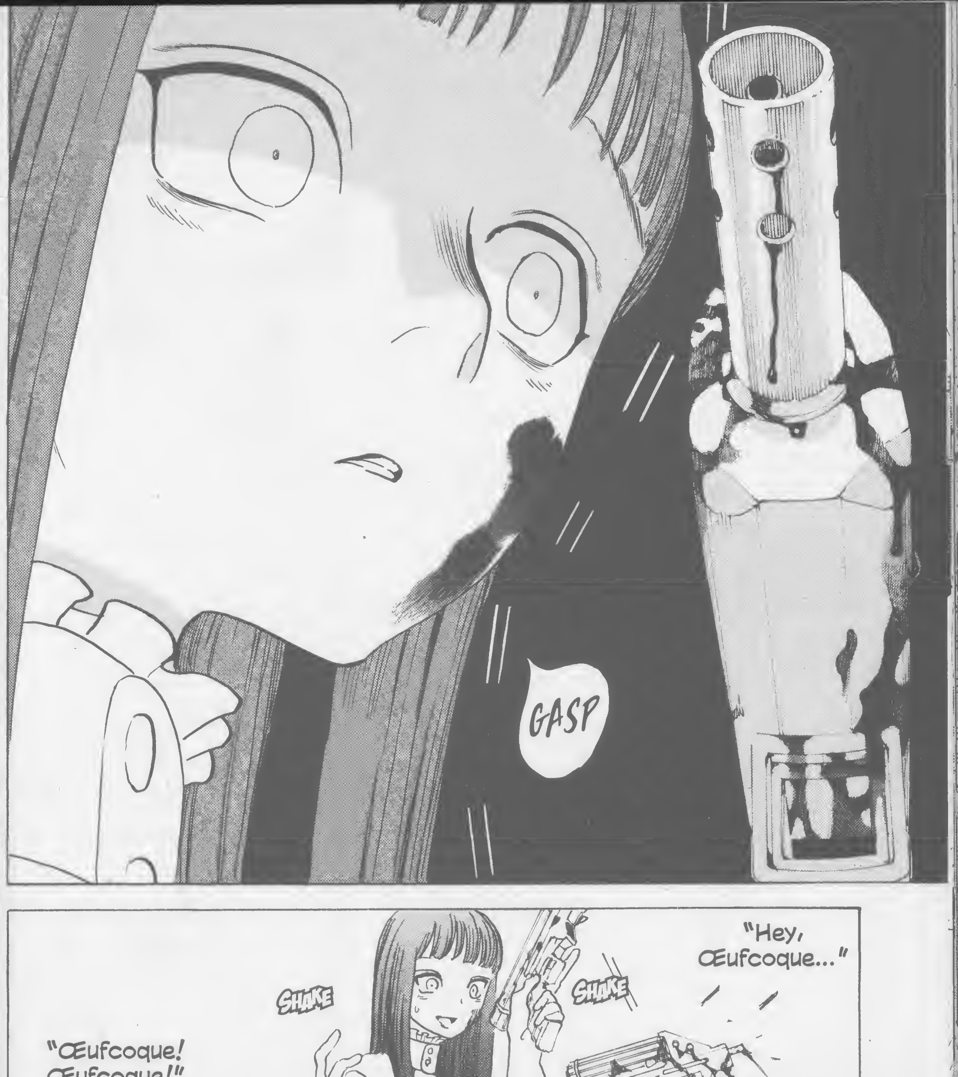

You're ...
... really... strong...
Uwahh, he's alive.
You give up?
I give up.
KLK
KLK
Your gun's out of bullets.
POP POP
KLINK KLINK
SQUEEZE
SQUEEZE
Here, fully loaded now.

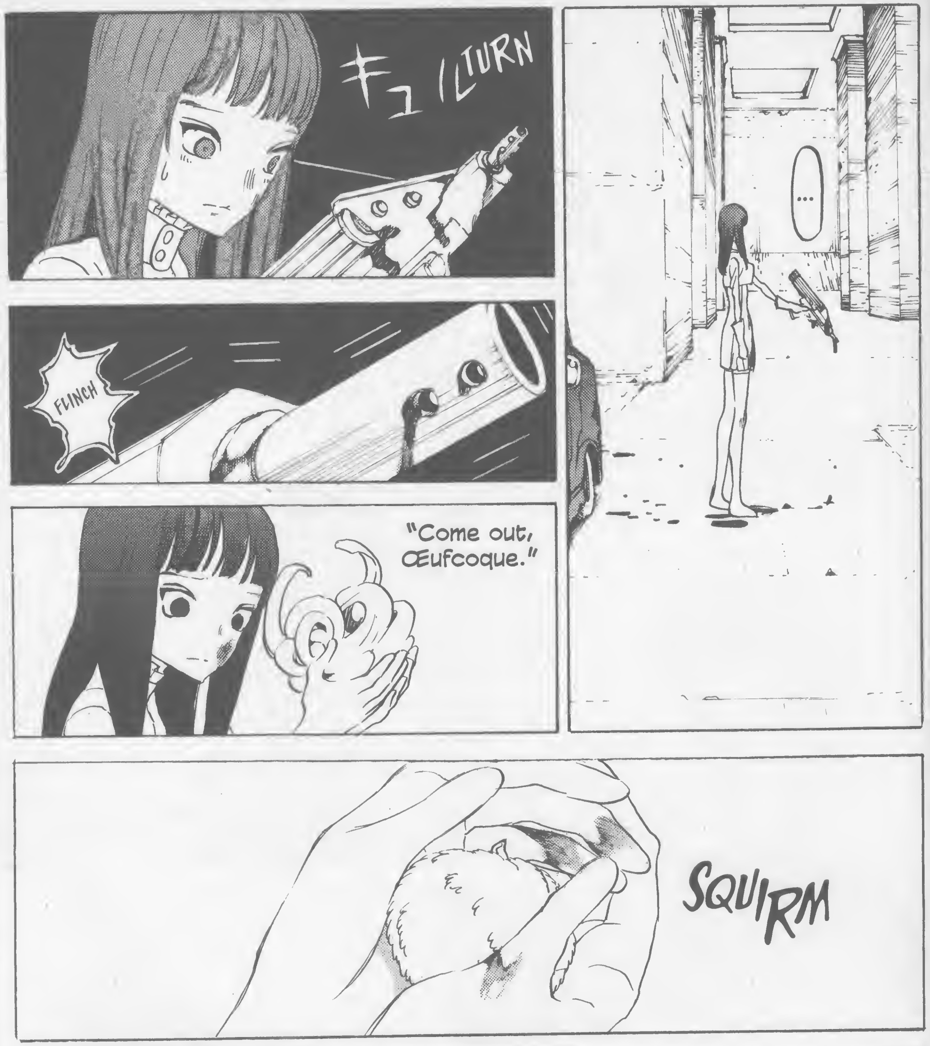

Let's play some more.
...
I'm tired...
I wanted to kill you and take home your parts...
...but it didn't work out...
PULL!
Parts?
Look...
...inside my glove.
Like them... I wanted to your right hand for my own...

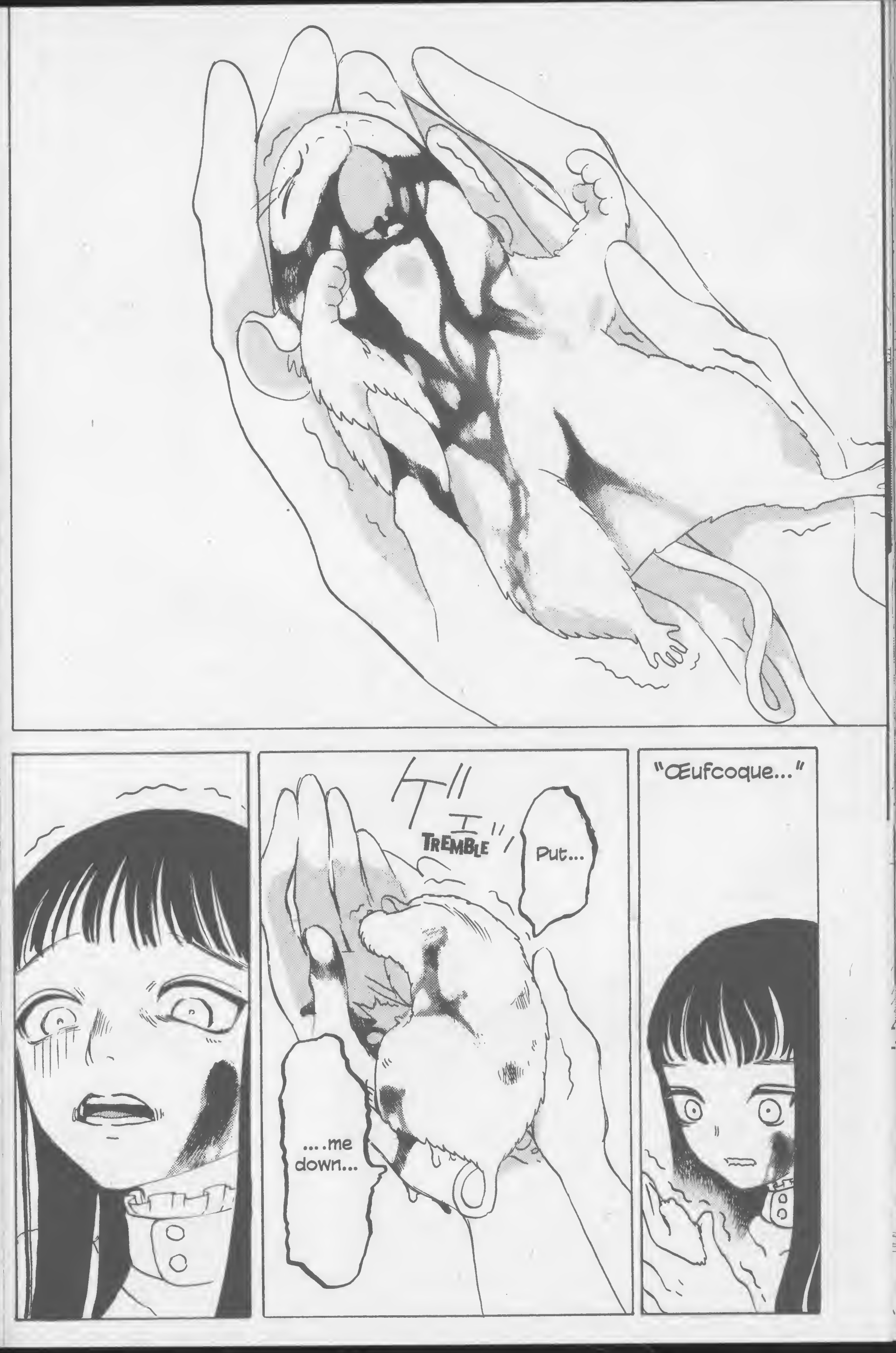

FLINCH
Idiot.
BANG
Ahh, how boring.
"Hey, what should we do now, Œufcoque?"
"Doesn't seem like anyone else is coming."
!!
"Hey, can I change into my new suit?"

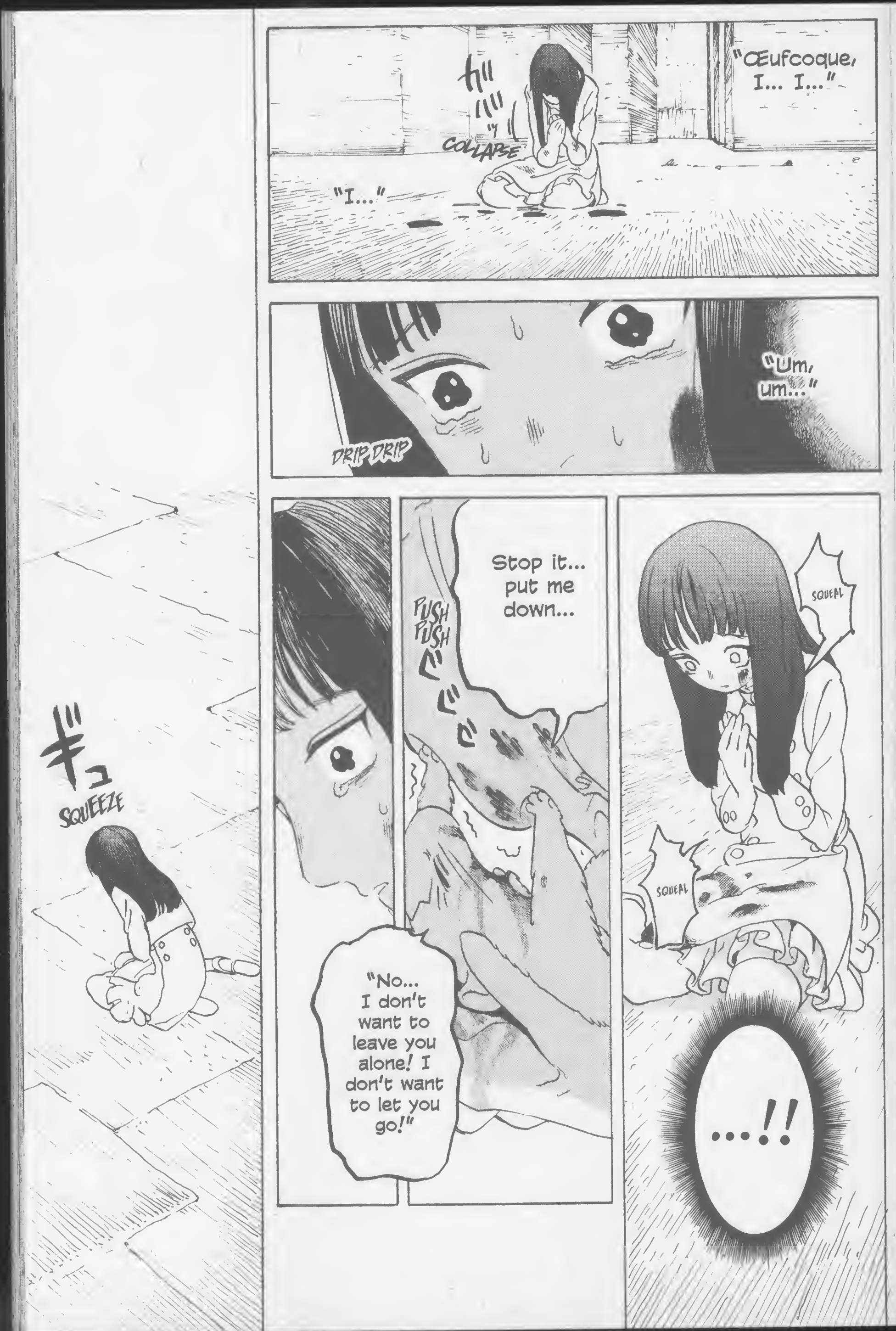

"This one's soaked with blood!"
"Hey, are you listening?"
"Blood on my gun, too..."
"I'll clean it for you."
WIPE WIPE
じわ
OOOZE
"All clean!"
ポタ
DRIP

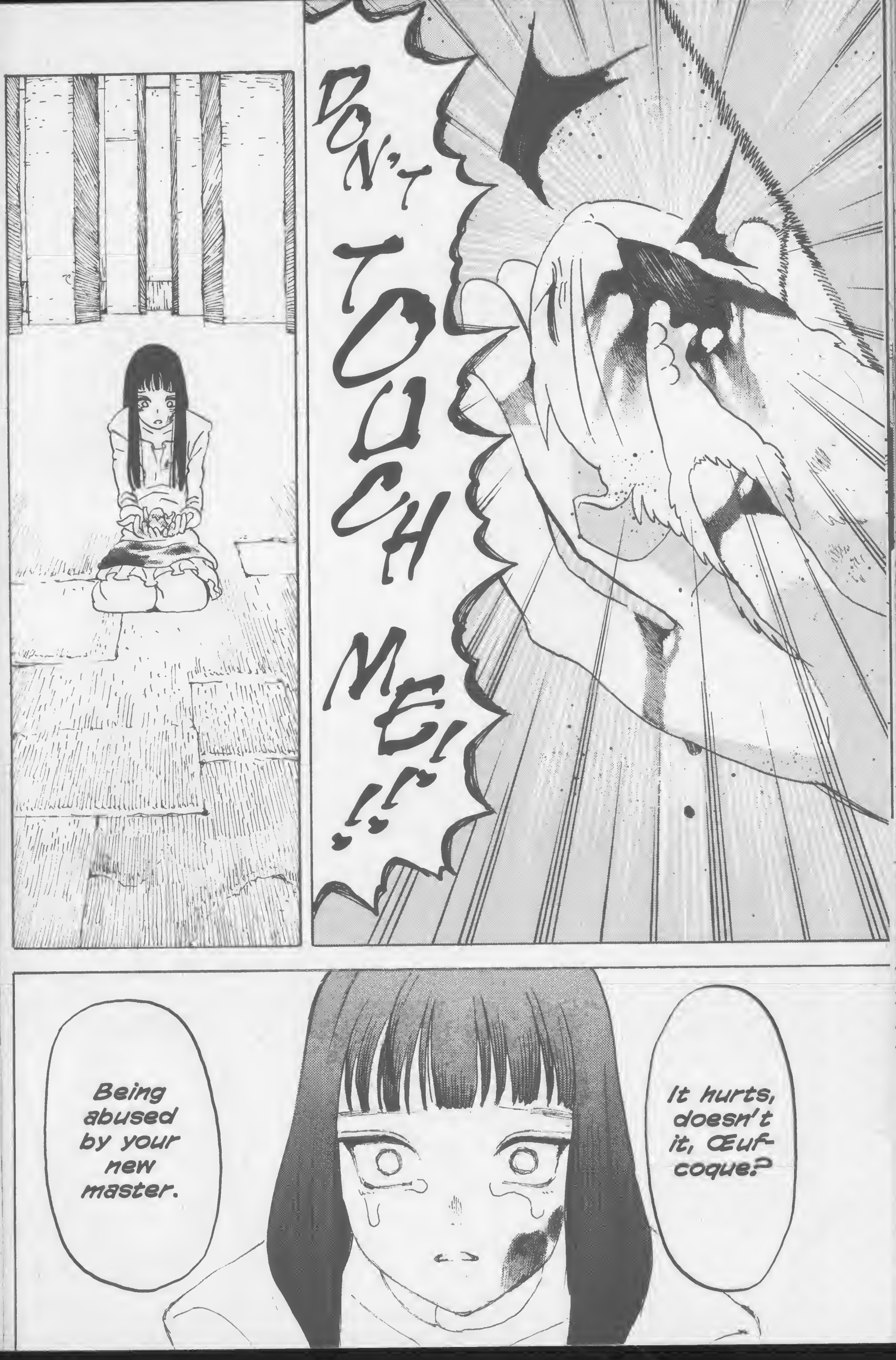

RUB RUB
"Okay, all clean!"
ボタボタボタ
DRIP DRIP DRIP

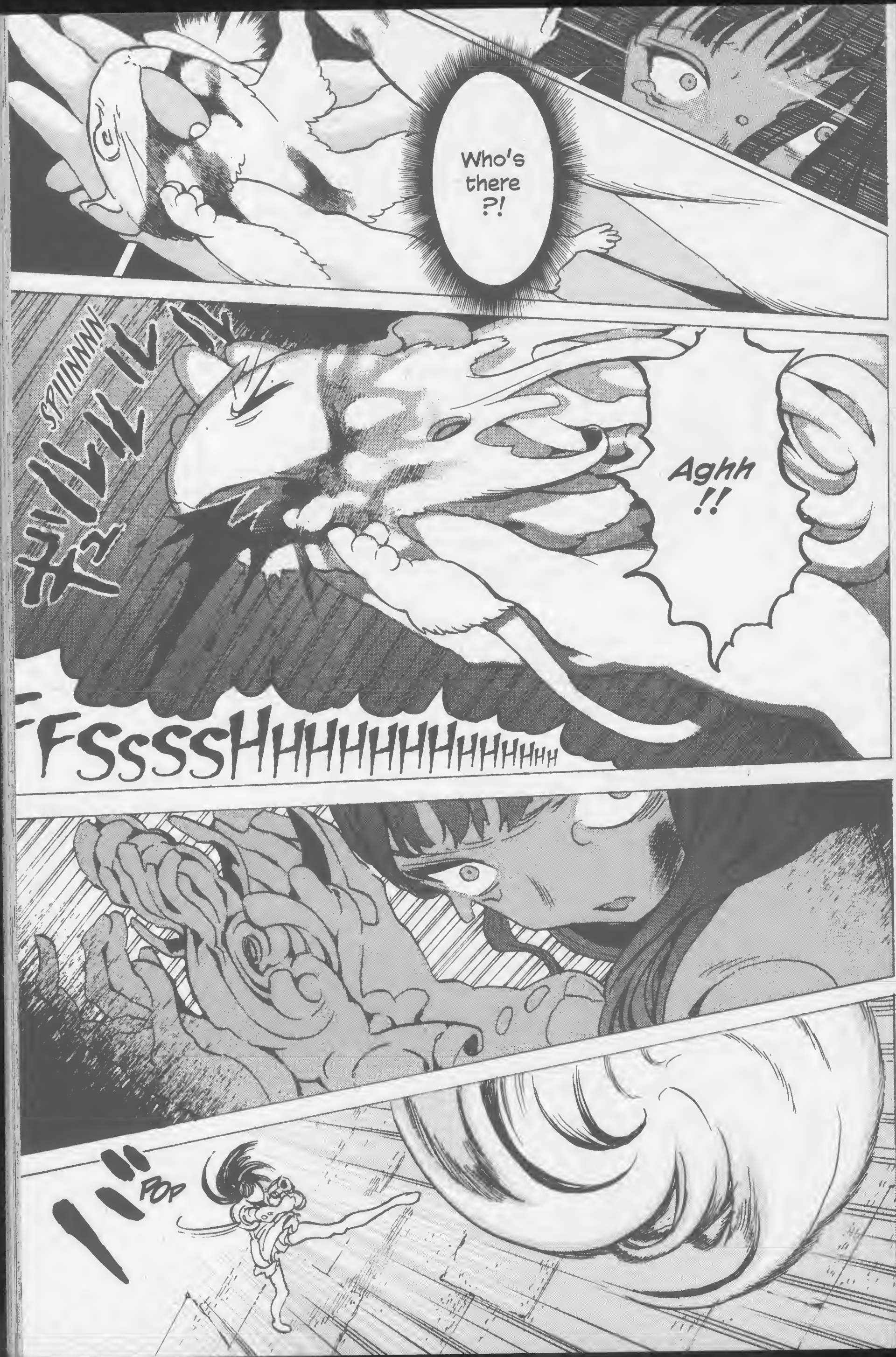

GASP
"Hey, Œufcoque..."
SHAKE
SHAKE
"Œufcoque! Œufcoque!"
"Why is there blood coming out?"
RUB RUB RUB RUB

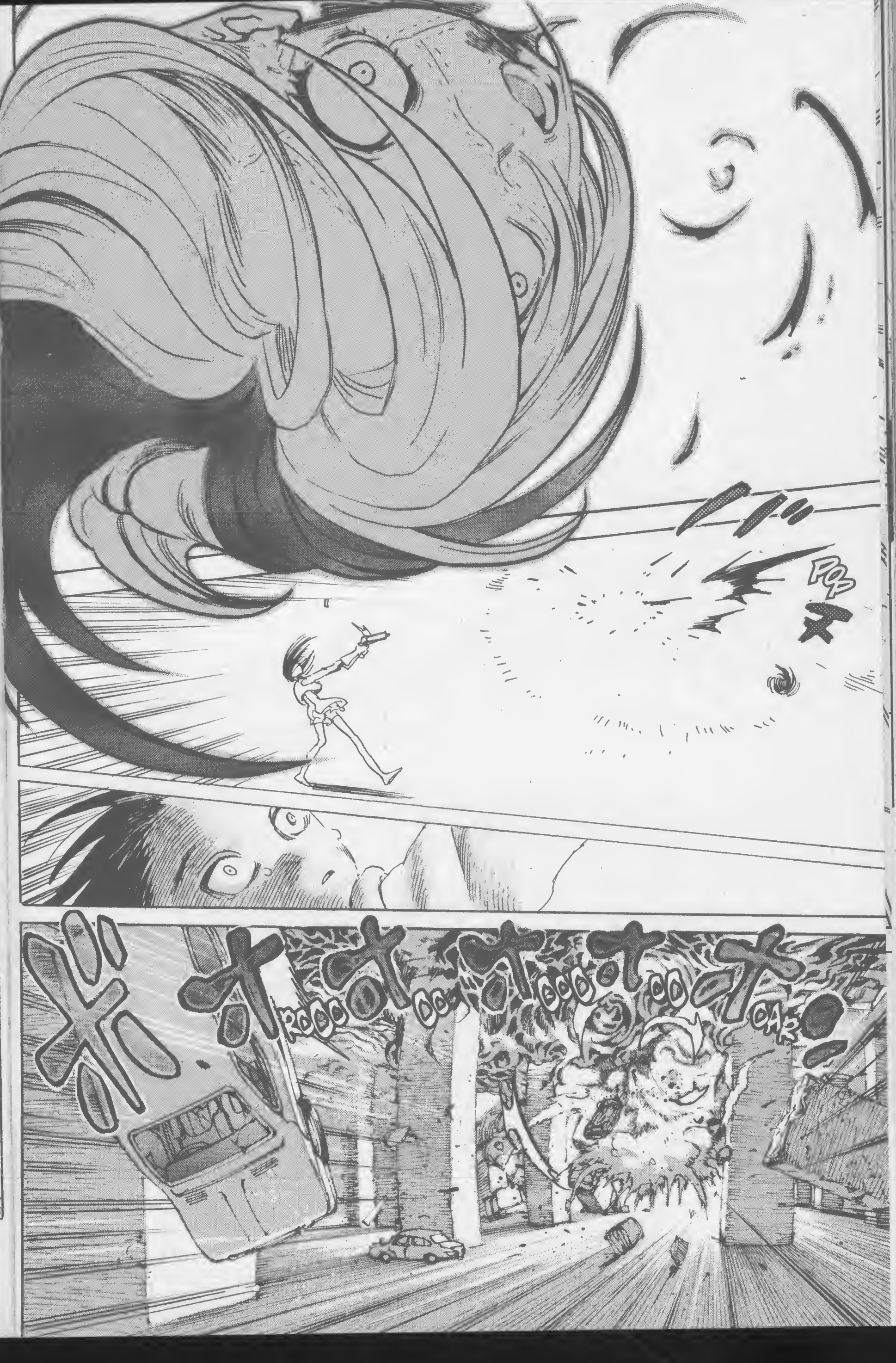

...
キュル TURN
FLINCH
"Come out, Œufcoque."
SQUIRM
SQUEAL
SQUEAL

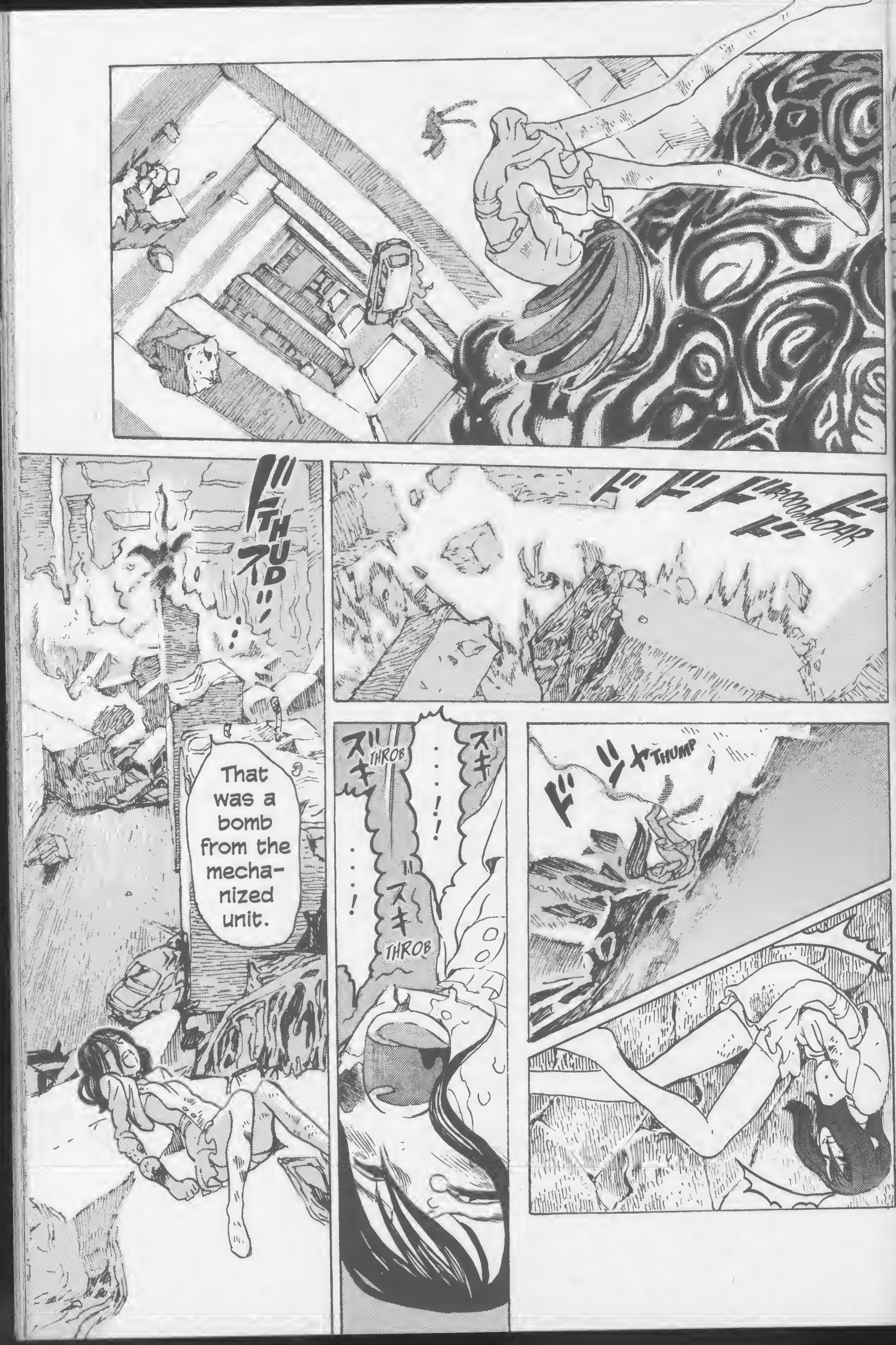

"Œufcoque..."
TREMBLE
Put...
....me down...

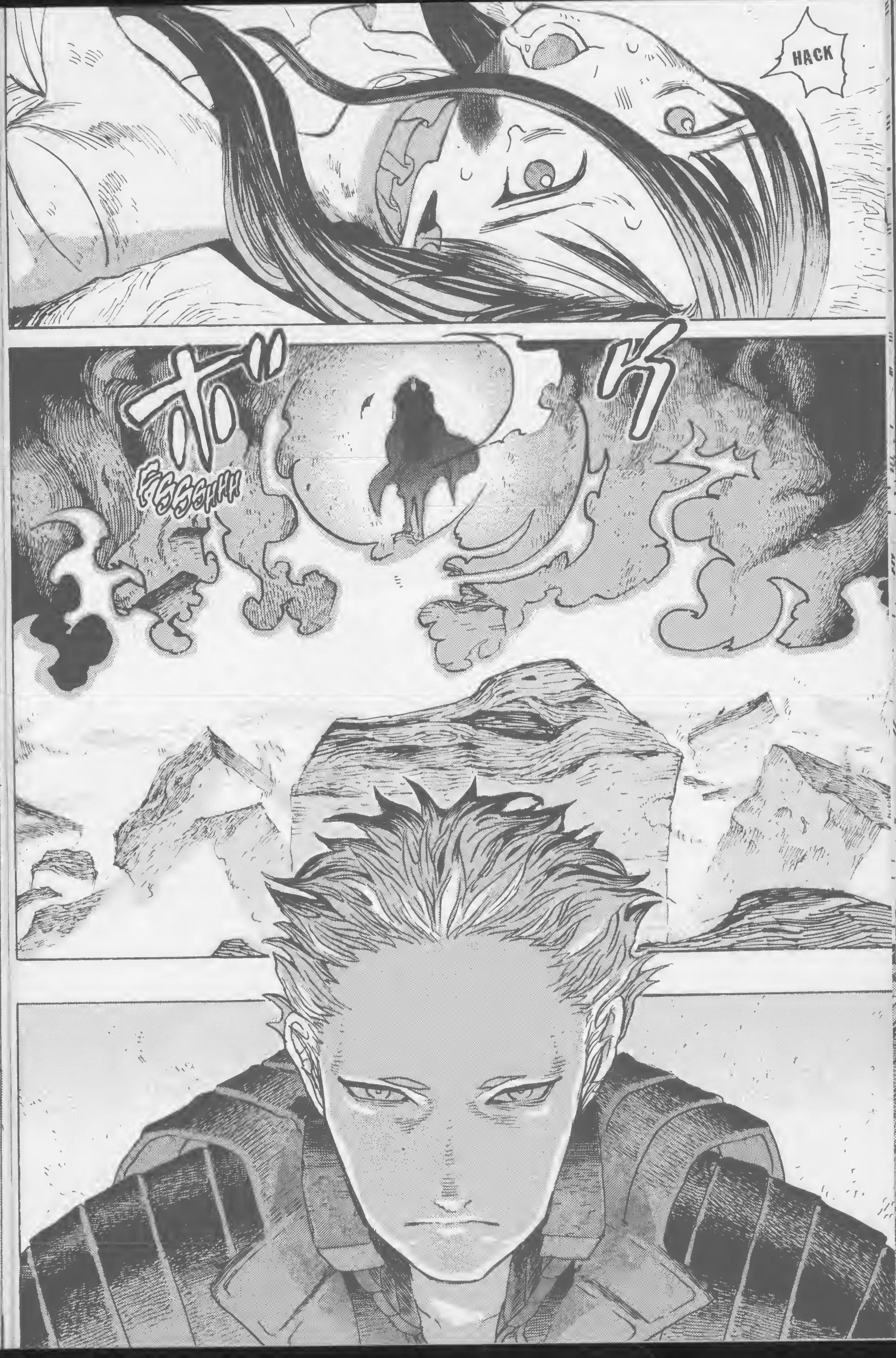

"Œufcoque, I... I..."
COLLAPSE
"I..."
"Um, um..."
DRIP DRIP
SQUEAL
SQUEAL
...!!
PUSH PUSH
Stop it... put me down...
"No... I don't want to leave you alone! I don't want to let you go!"
ギュ
SQUEEZE

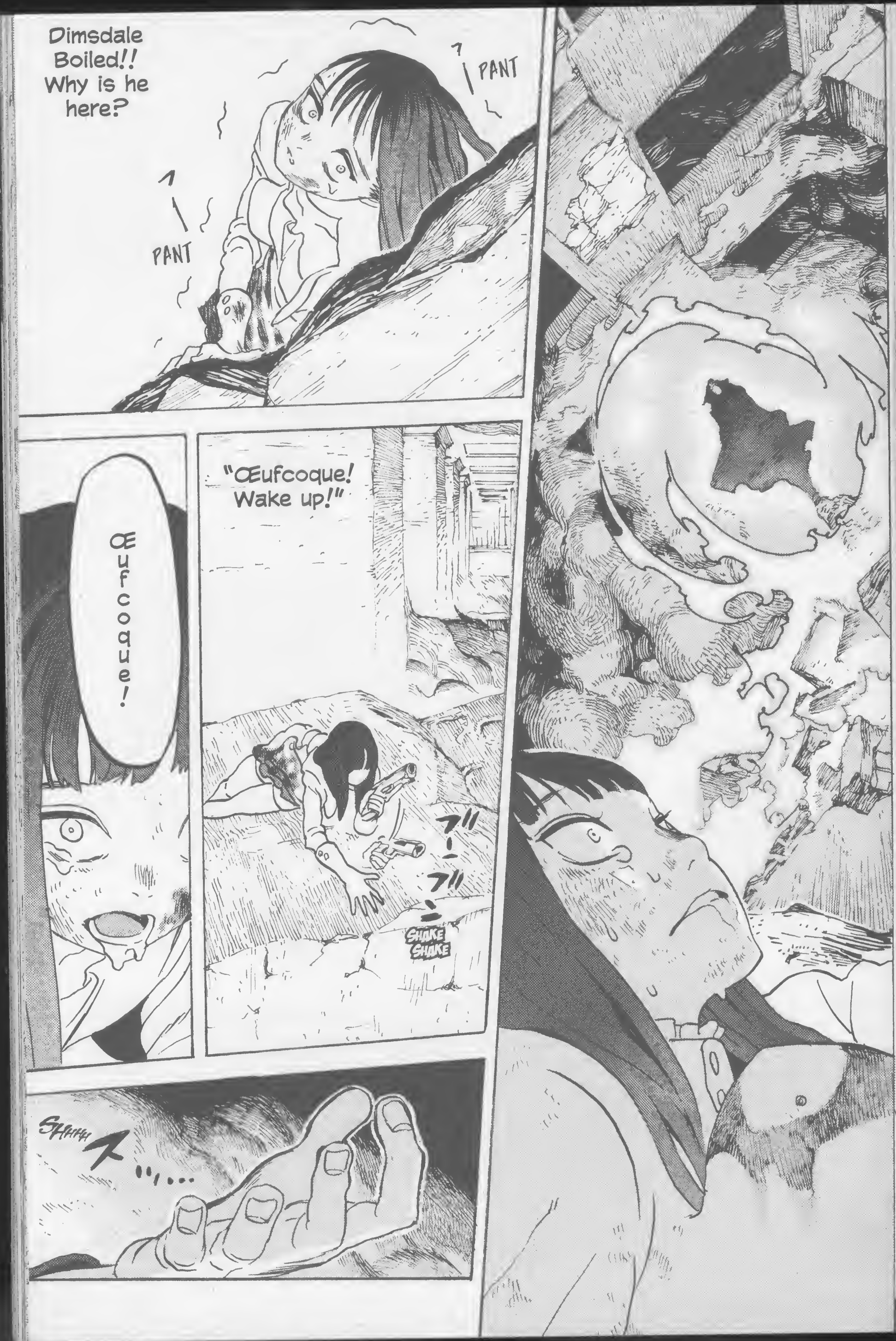

DON'T TOUCH ME!!!
It hurts, doesn't it, Œuf-coque?
Being abused by your new master.

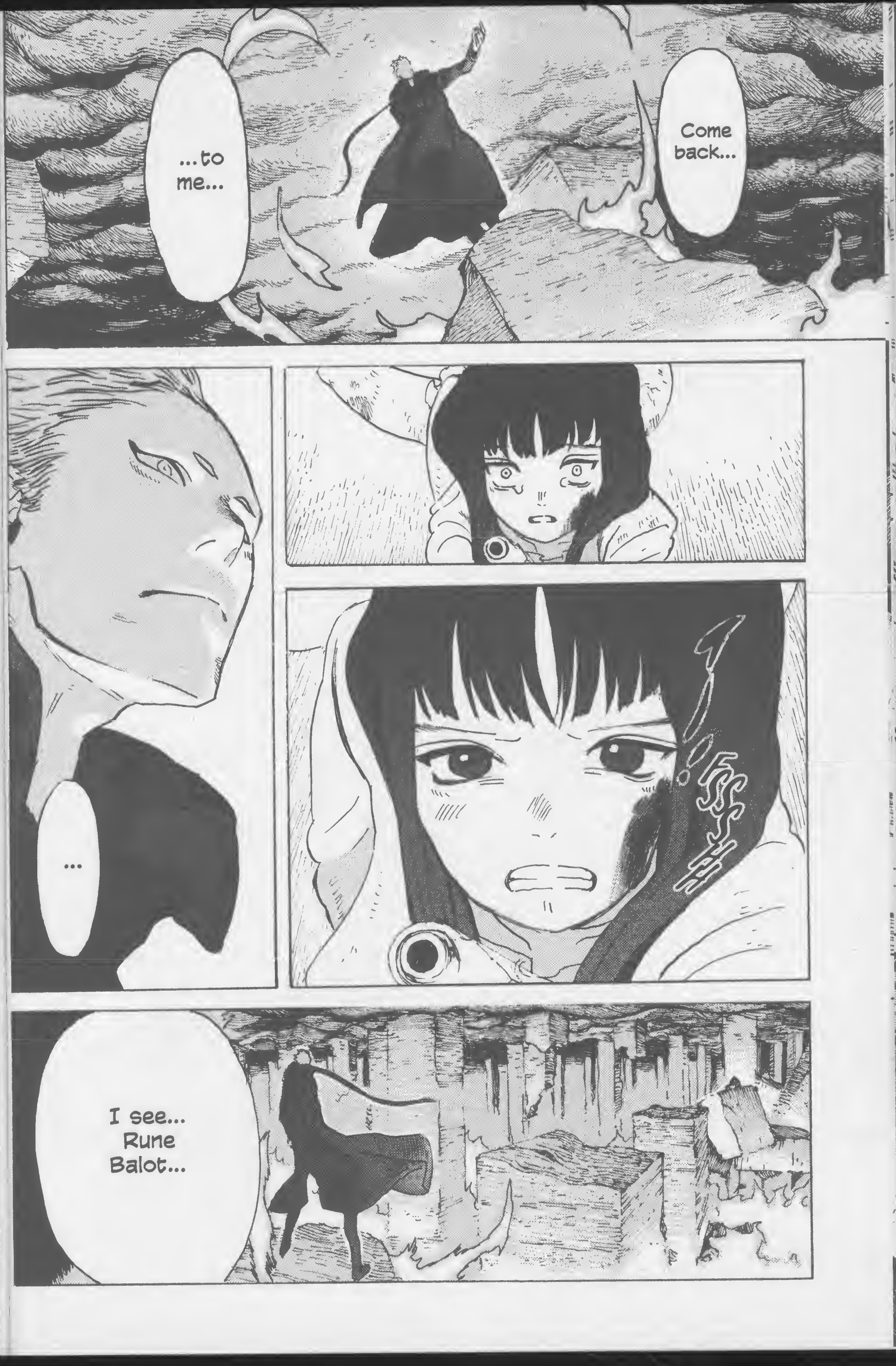

Who's there ?!
Aghh !!
SPIIINNNN
FFSssSHHHHHHHHHHHHH
POP

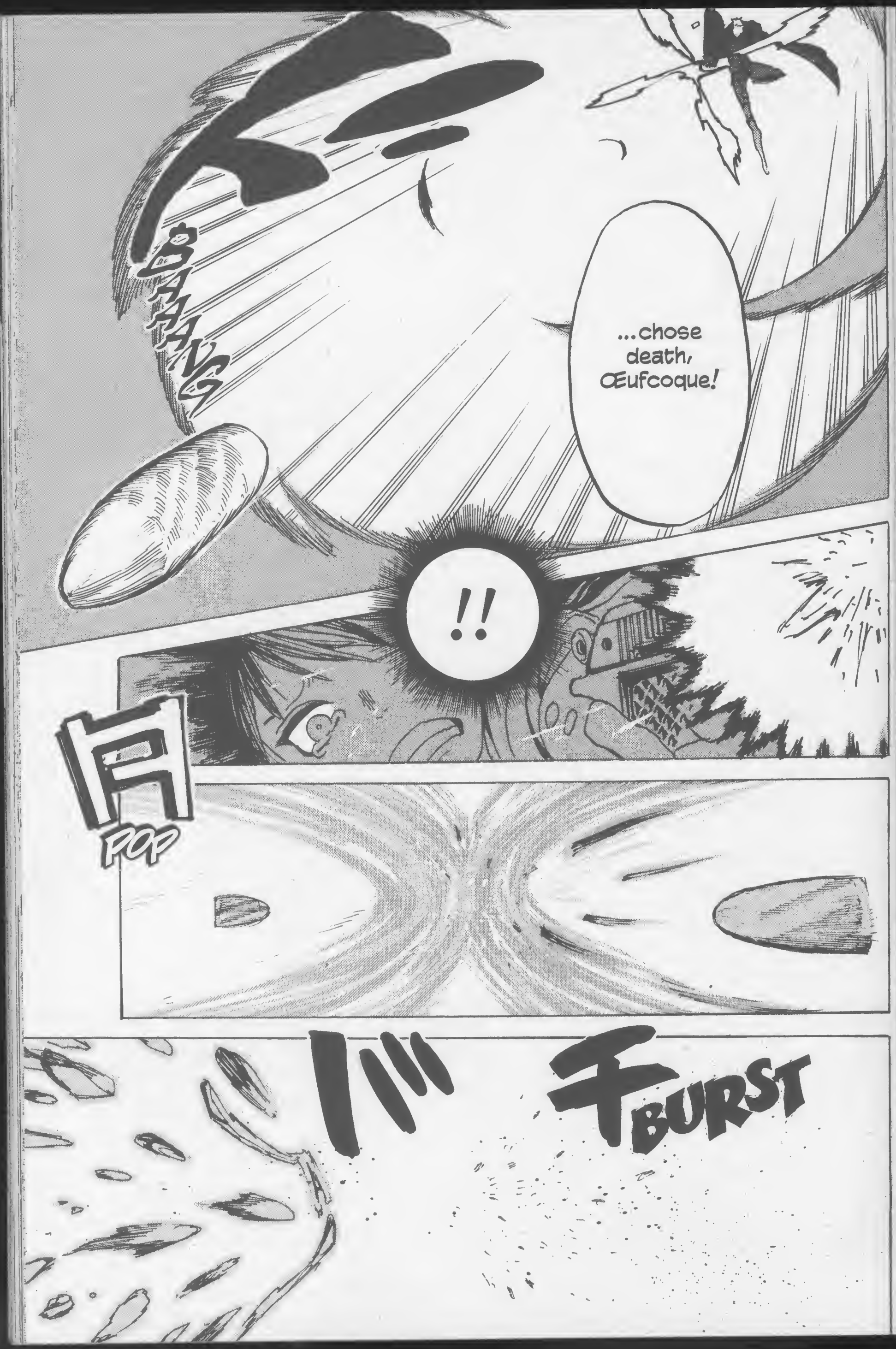

POP
ヌ
ズオオオオオオ
ROOOOOOOOOOOOAR

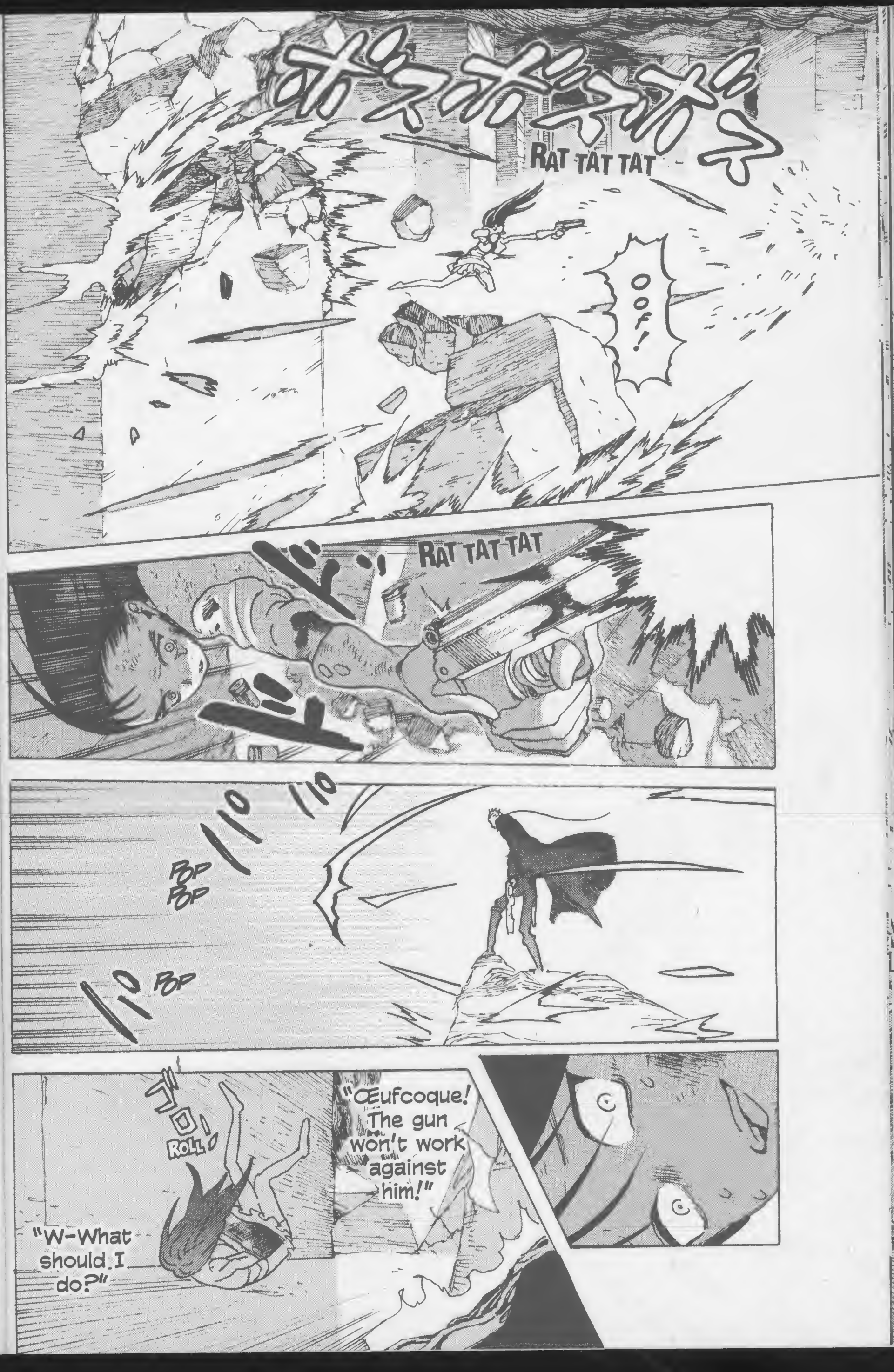

ドドドドドド
ROOOOOOOAR
ドスッ
THUD!!
…
That was a bomb from the mechanized unit.
ズキ
THROB
……!!
……!
ズキ
THROB
ドシャ
THUMP

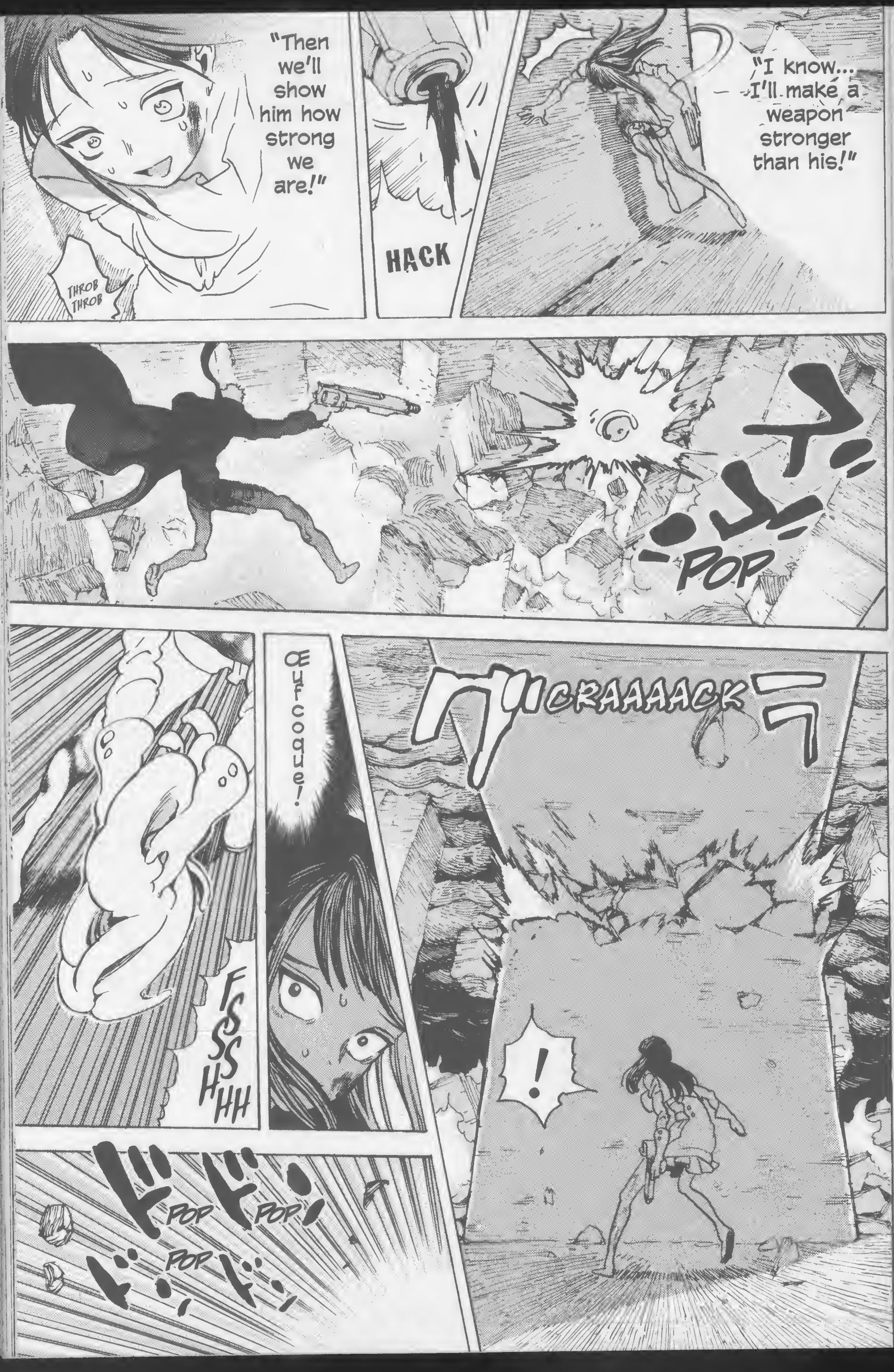

HACK
ボ
ク
FSSSHHH

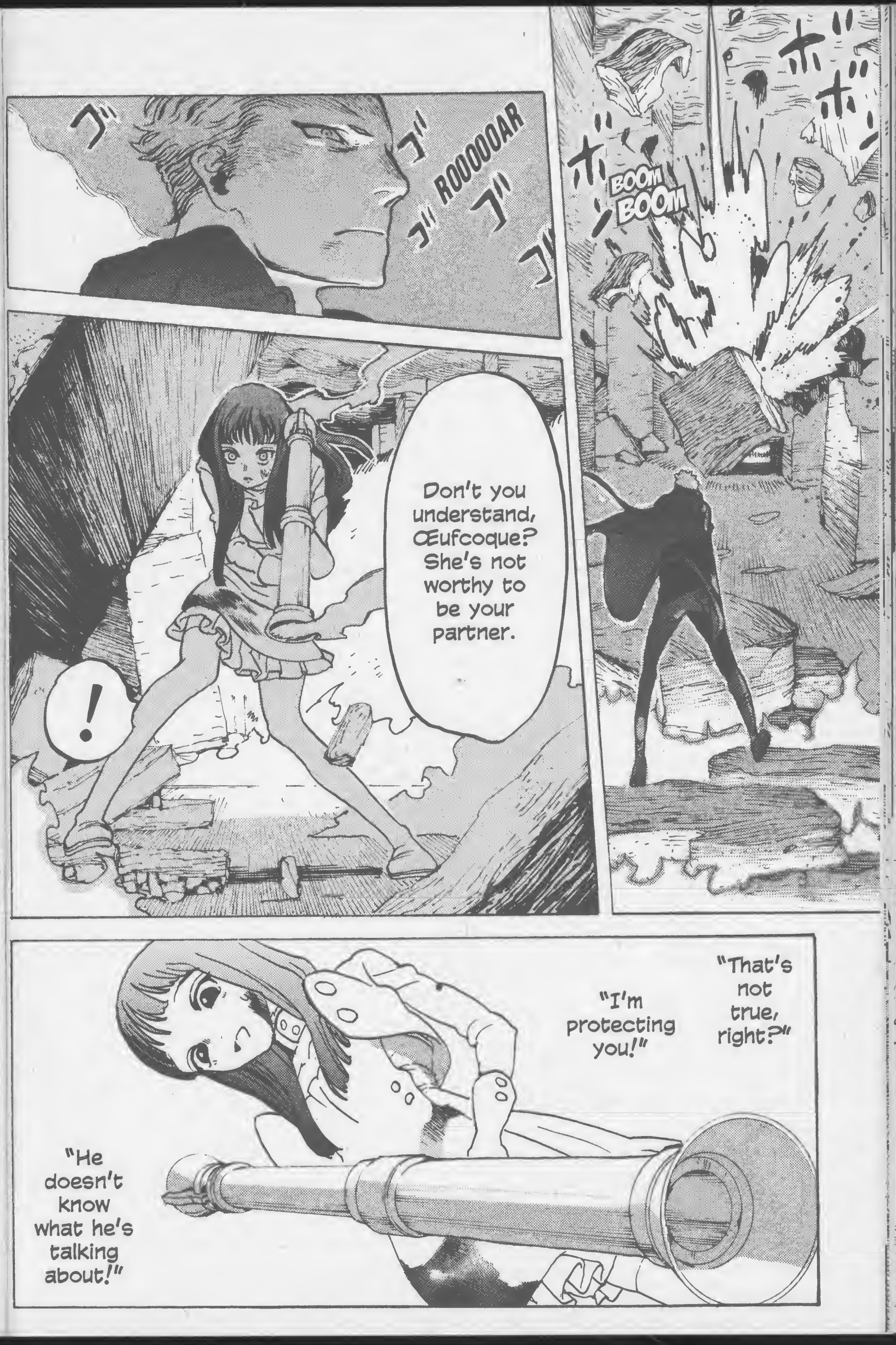

PANT
Dimsdale Boiled!! Why is he here?
PANT
"Œufcoque! Wake up!"
ブーブー
SHAKE SHAKE
Œufcoque!
SHHHH
ス''...

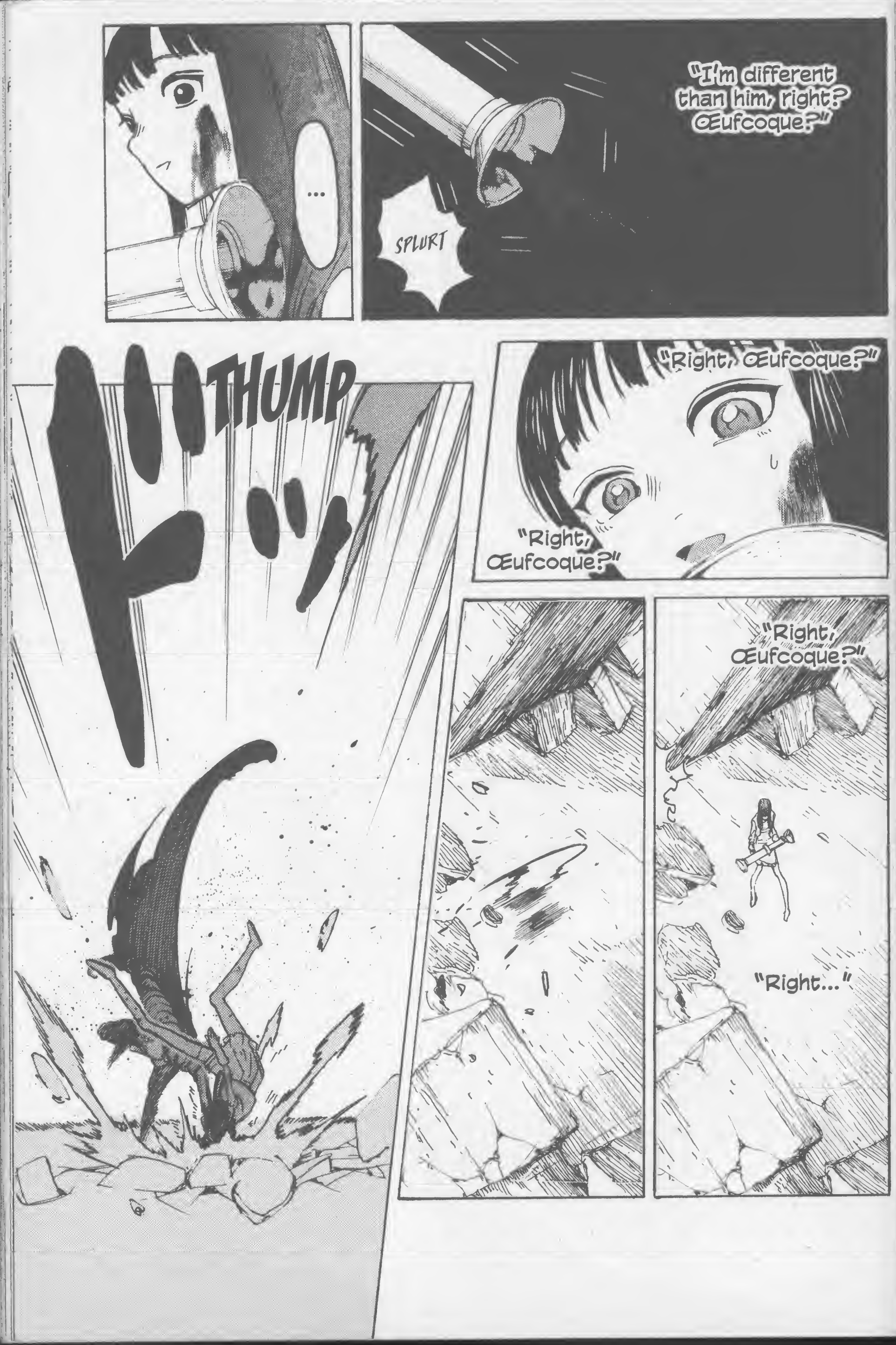

Come back...
...to me...
...
FSSHH
I see... Rune Balot...

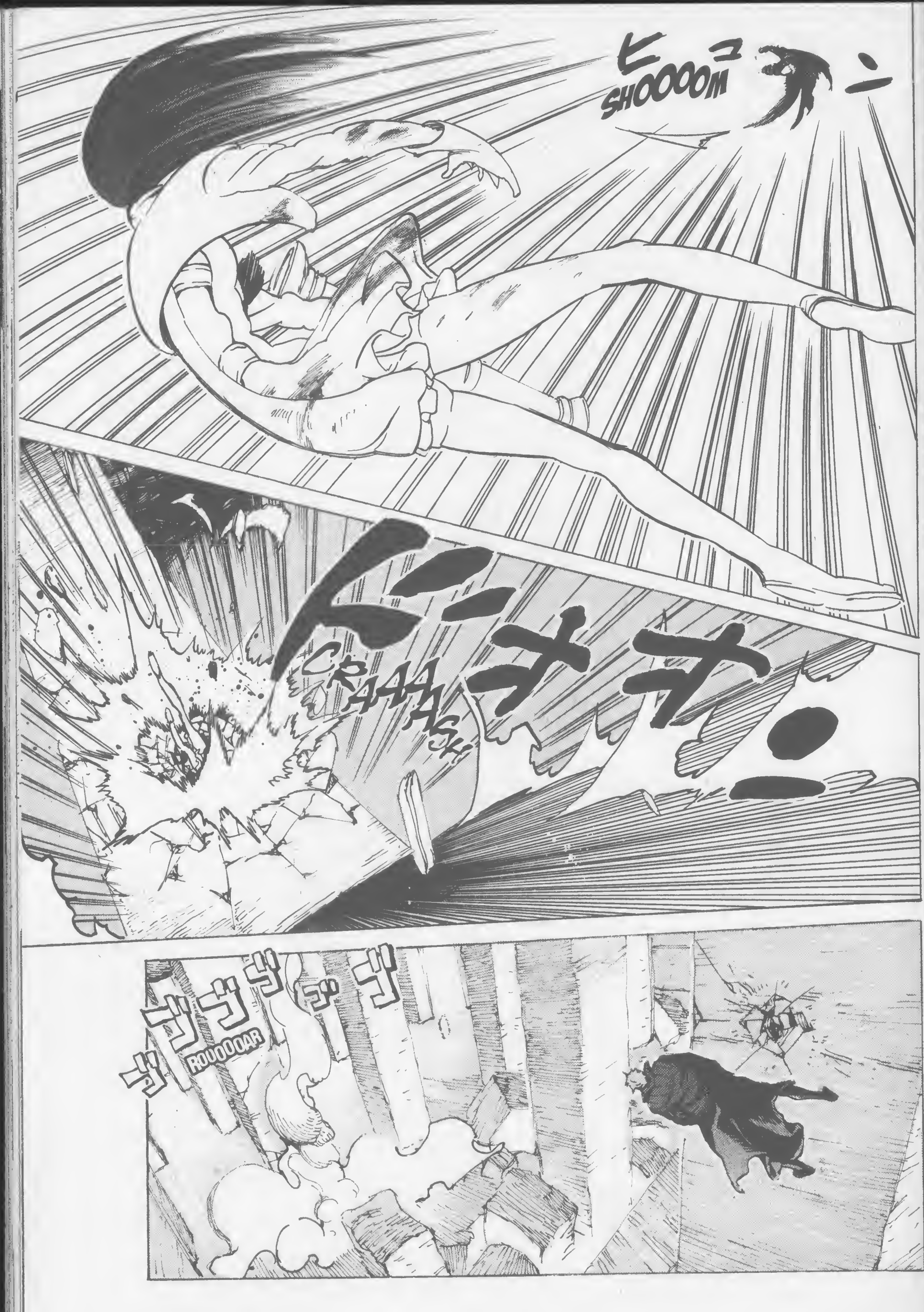

...chose death, Œufcoque!
BAAANG
!!
POP
BURST

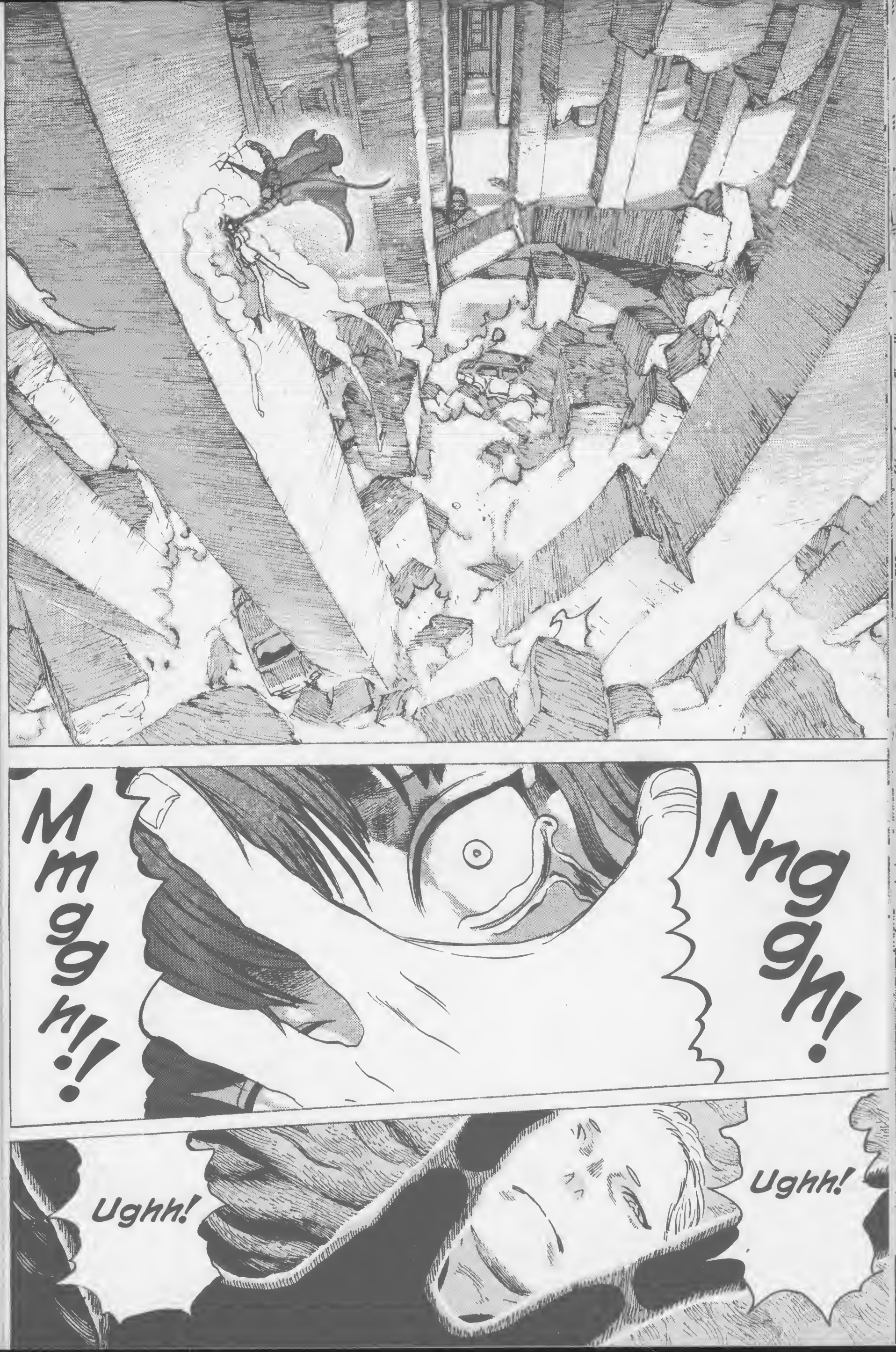

RAT TAT TAT
Oof!
RAT TAT TAT
POP POP
POP
"Œufcoque! The gun won't work against him!"
ROLL
"W-What should I do?"

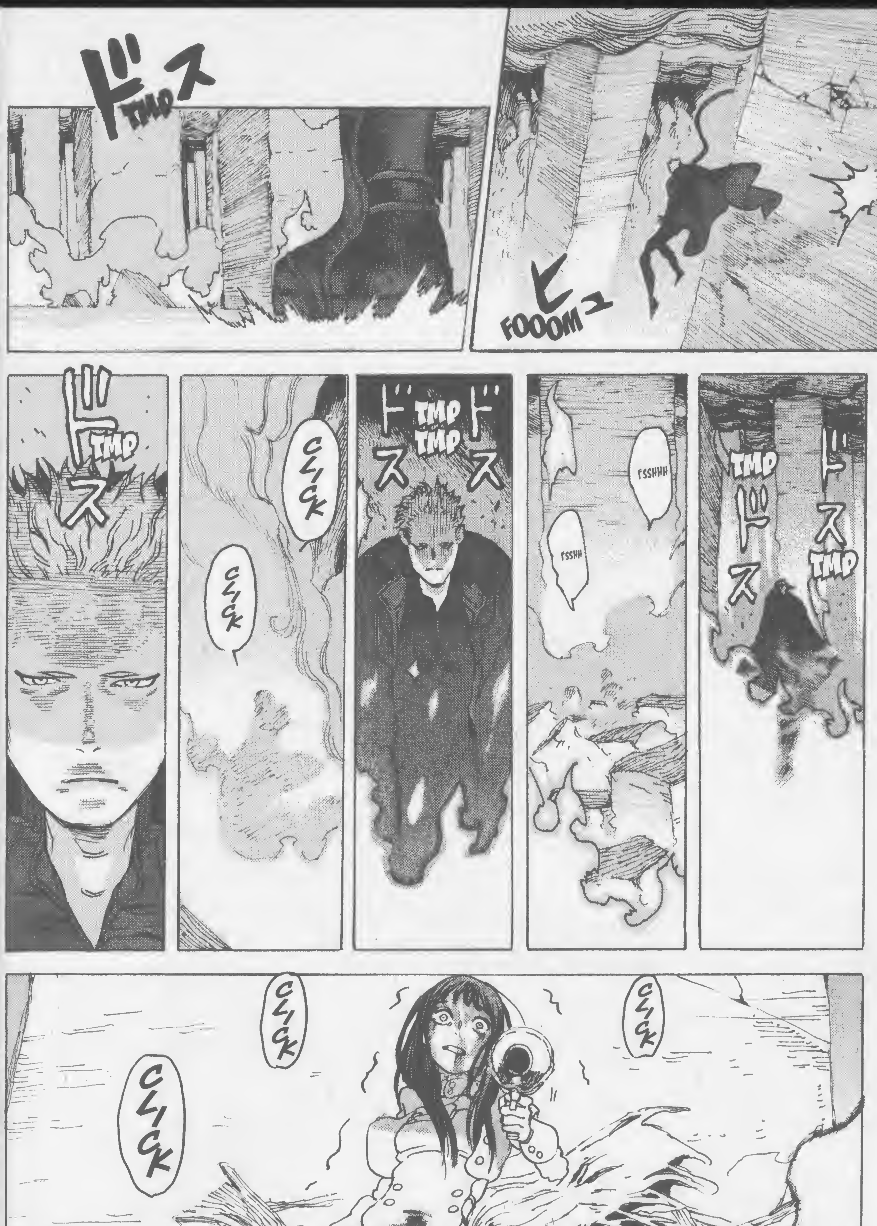

"I know... I'll make a weapon stronger than his!"
HACK
"Then we'll show him how strong we are!"
THROB THROB
POP
CRAAAACK
!
Œufcoque!
FSSSHHH
POP POP
POP


ボボボ
BOOM BOOM
ゴゴゴゴゴ
ROOOOOAR
Don't you understand, Œufcoque? She's not worthy to be your partner.
!
"That's not true, right?"
"I'm protecting you!"
"He doesn't know what he's talking about!"


"I'm different than him, right? Œufcoque?"
SPLURT
...
"Right, Œufcoque?"
"Right, Œufcoque?"
"Right, Œufcoque?"
"Right..."
ドッ
THUMP


ヒュン
SHOOOOM
ドオオン
CRAAAASH
ゴゴゴゴゴ
ROOOOOAR


Nnggh!
Mmggh!!
Ughh!
Ughh!


ドス
TMP
ヒュ
FOOOM
ドス
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CLICK
CLICK
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TMP TMP
ドス
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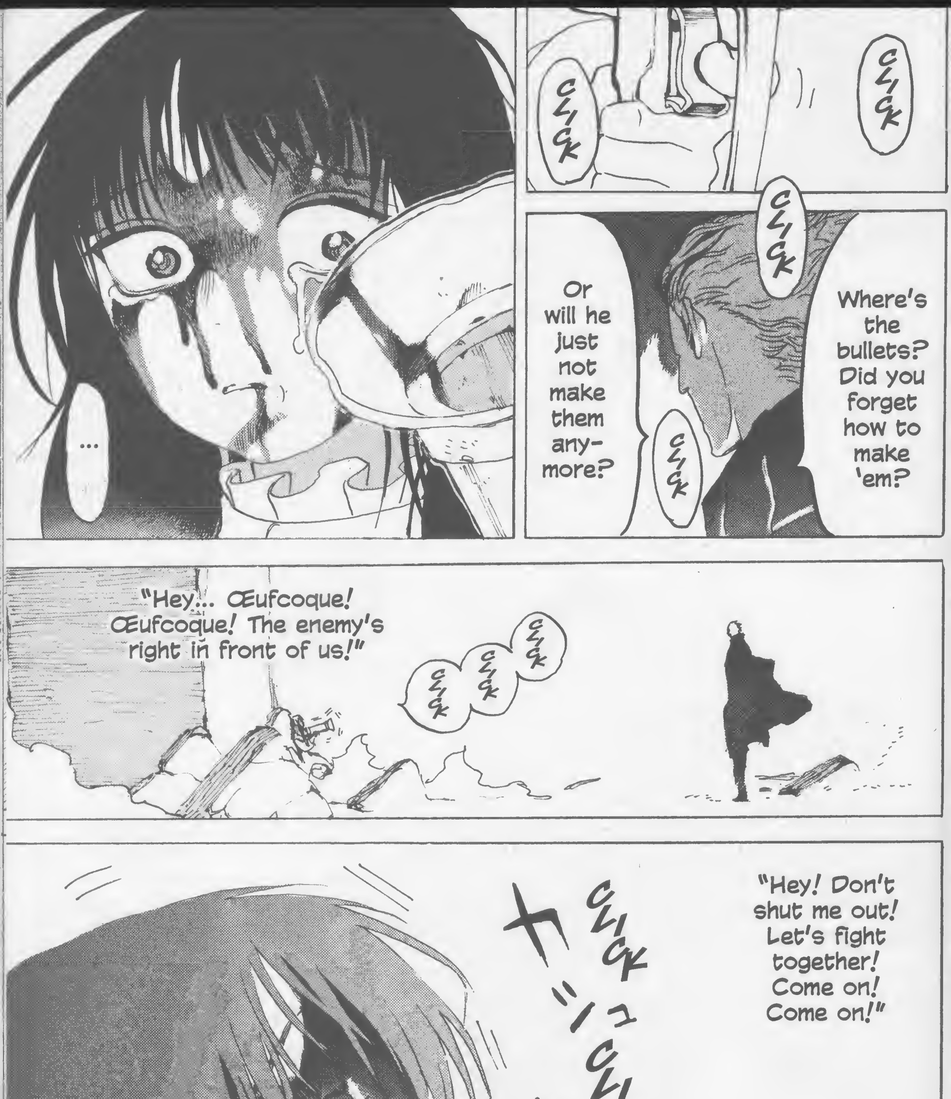
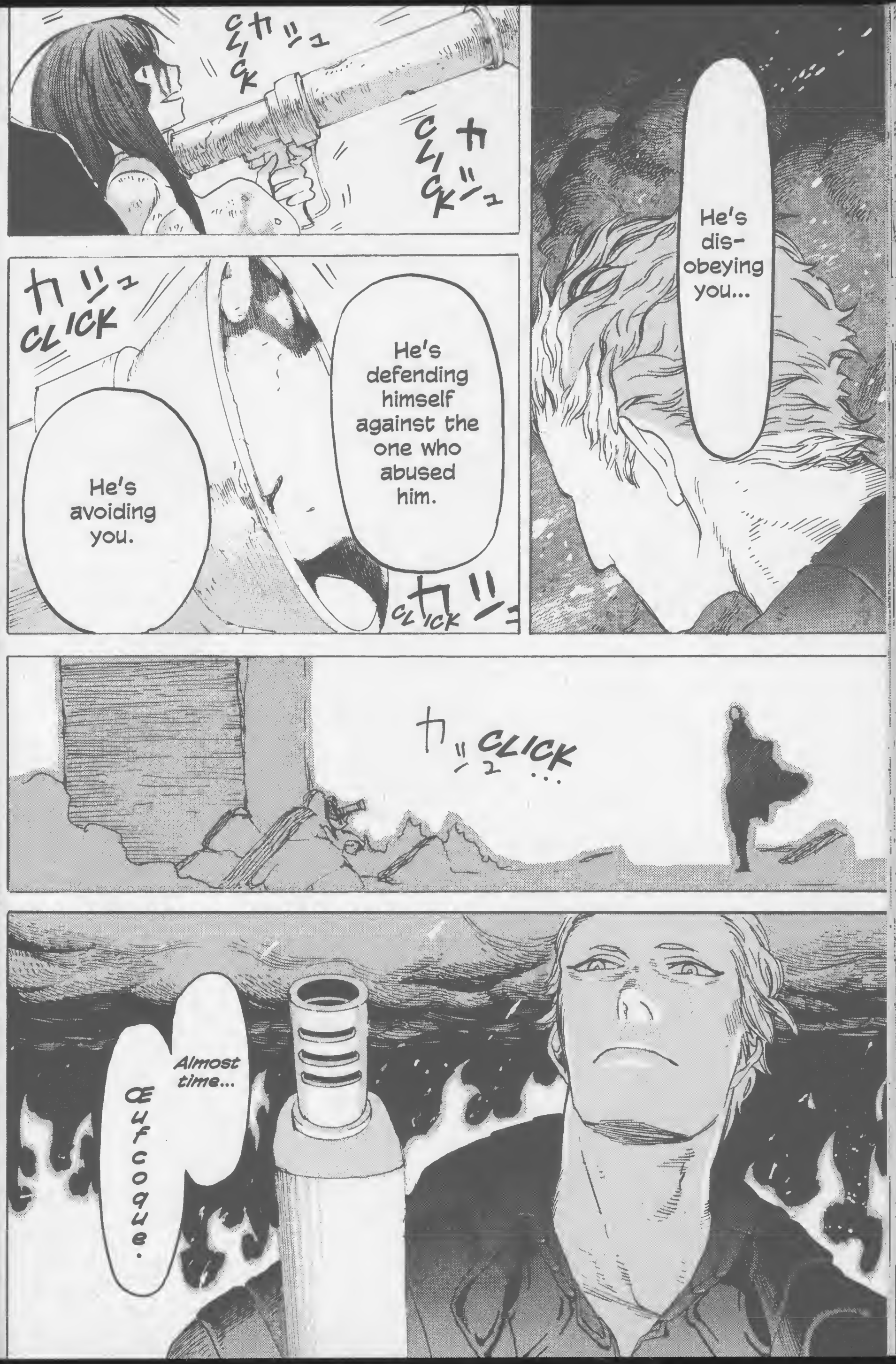
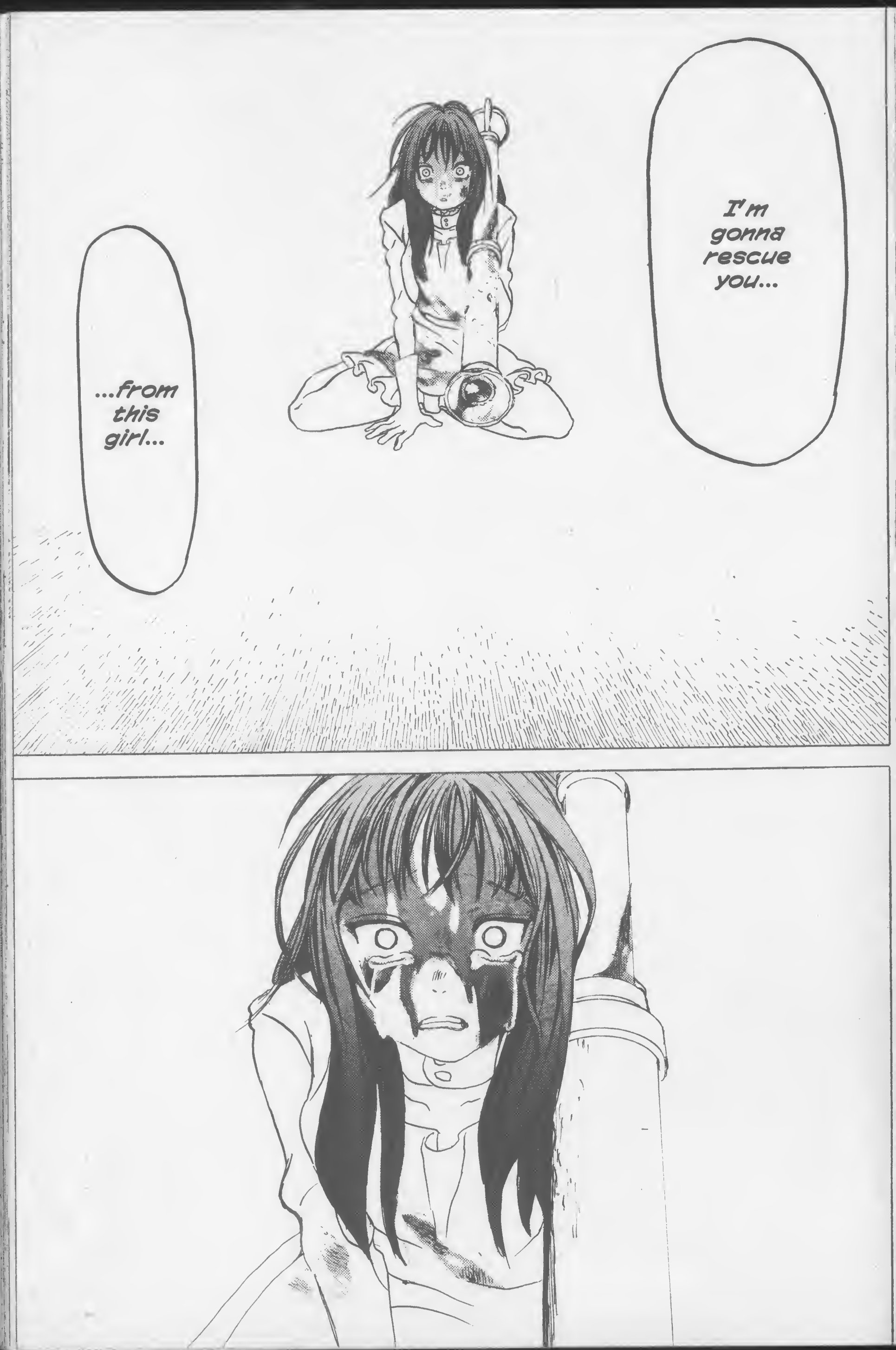
FSSHH
TMP
ドドスス
TMP
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK


CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
Where's the bullets? Did you forget how to make 'em?
CLICK
Or will he just not make them anymore?
...
"Hey... Œufcoque! Œufcoque! The enemy's right in front of us!"
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
"Hey! Don't shut me out! Let's fight together! Come on! Come on!"
CLICK
カシュ
CLICK
カシュ


He's dis-obeying you...
カシュ CLICK
カシュ CLICK
カシュ CLICK
He's defending himself against the one who abused him.
He's avoiding you.
カシュ CLICK
カシュ CLICK...
Almost time...
Œufcoque.


I'm gonna rescue you...
...from this girl...

MARDOCK SCRAMBLE

MARDOCK
SCRAMBLE

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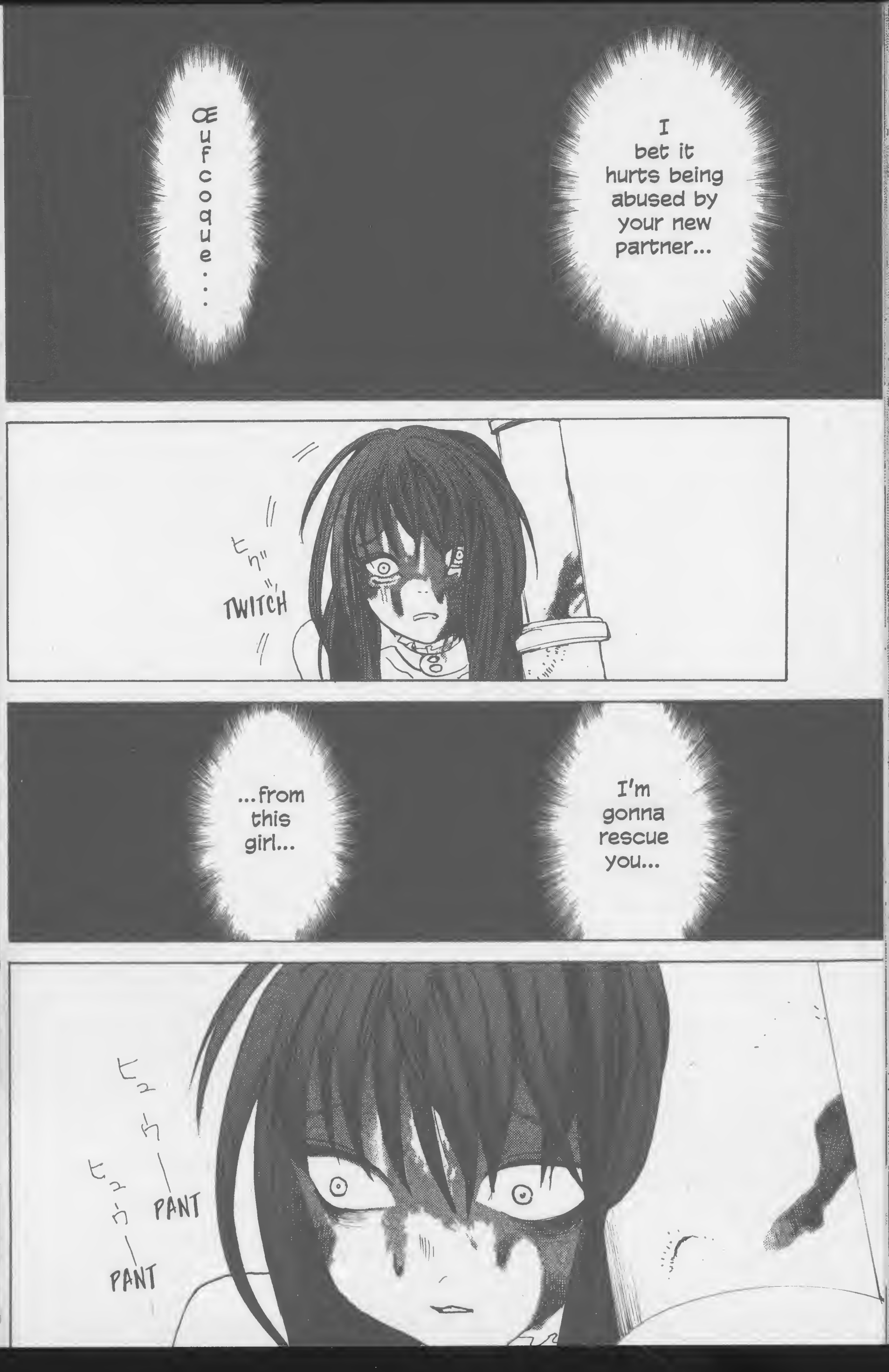
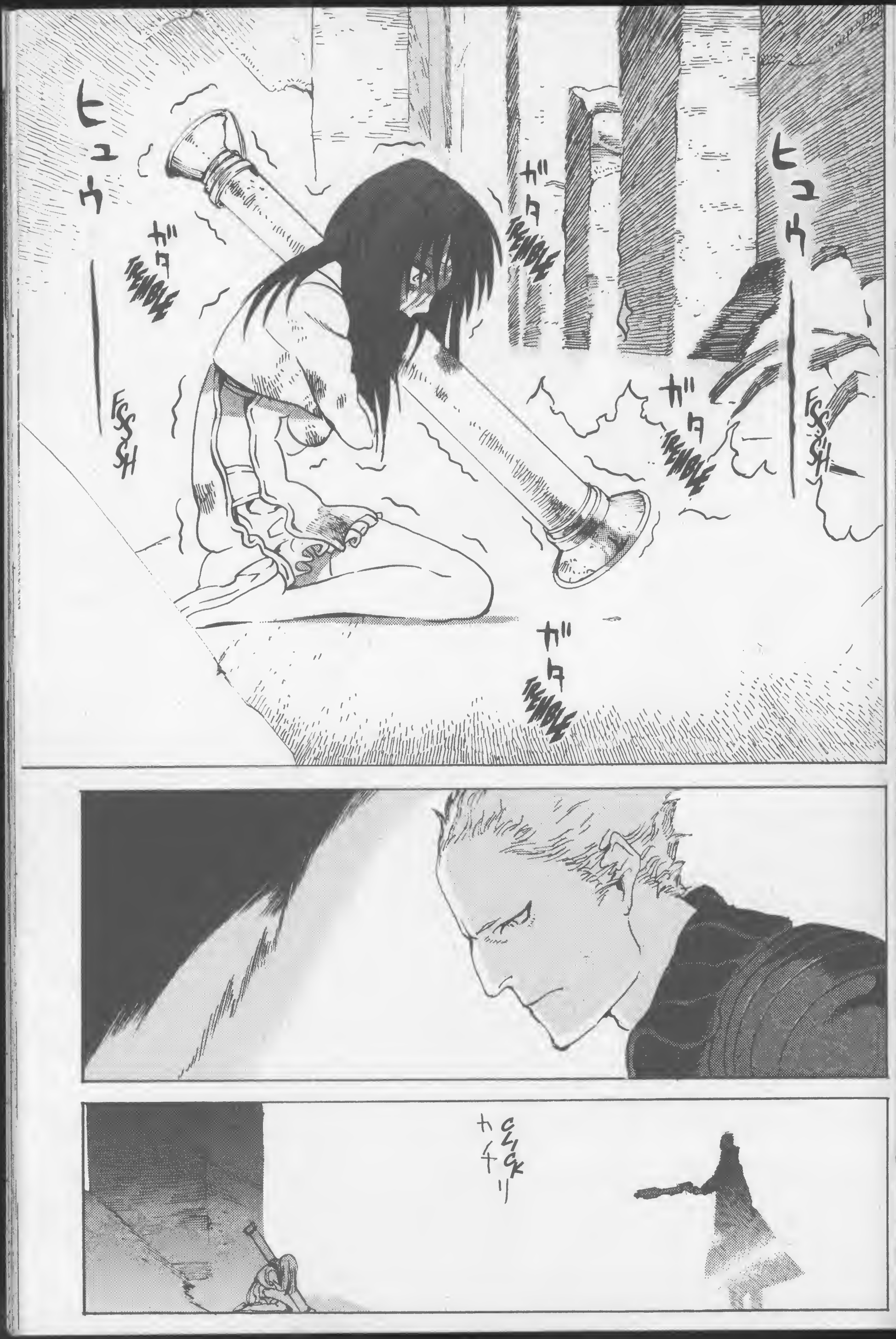
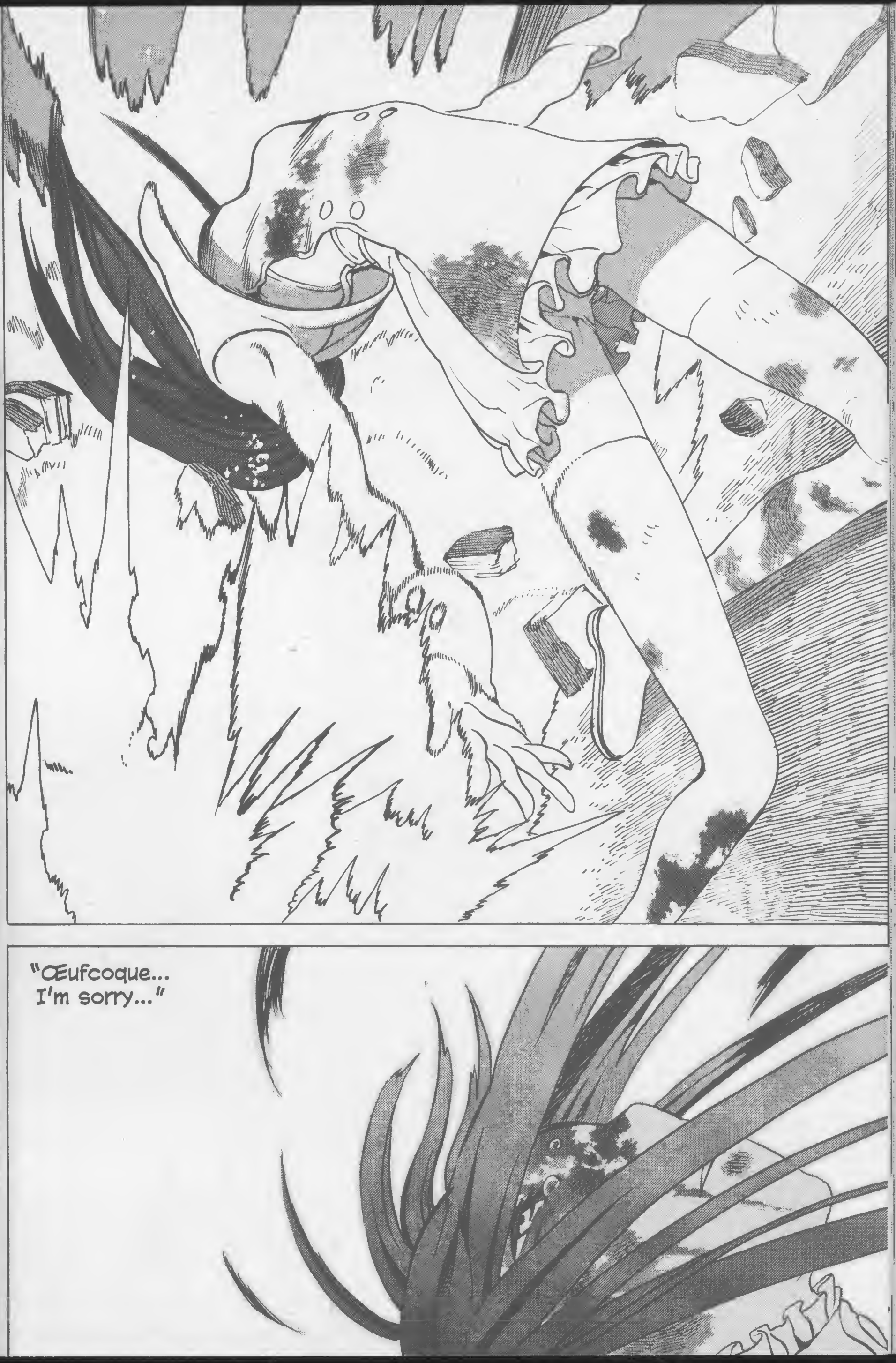
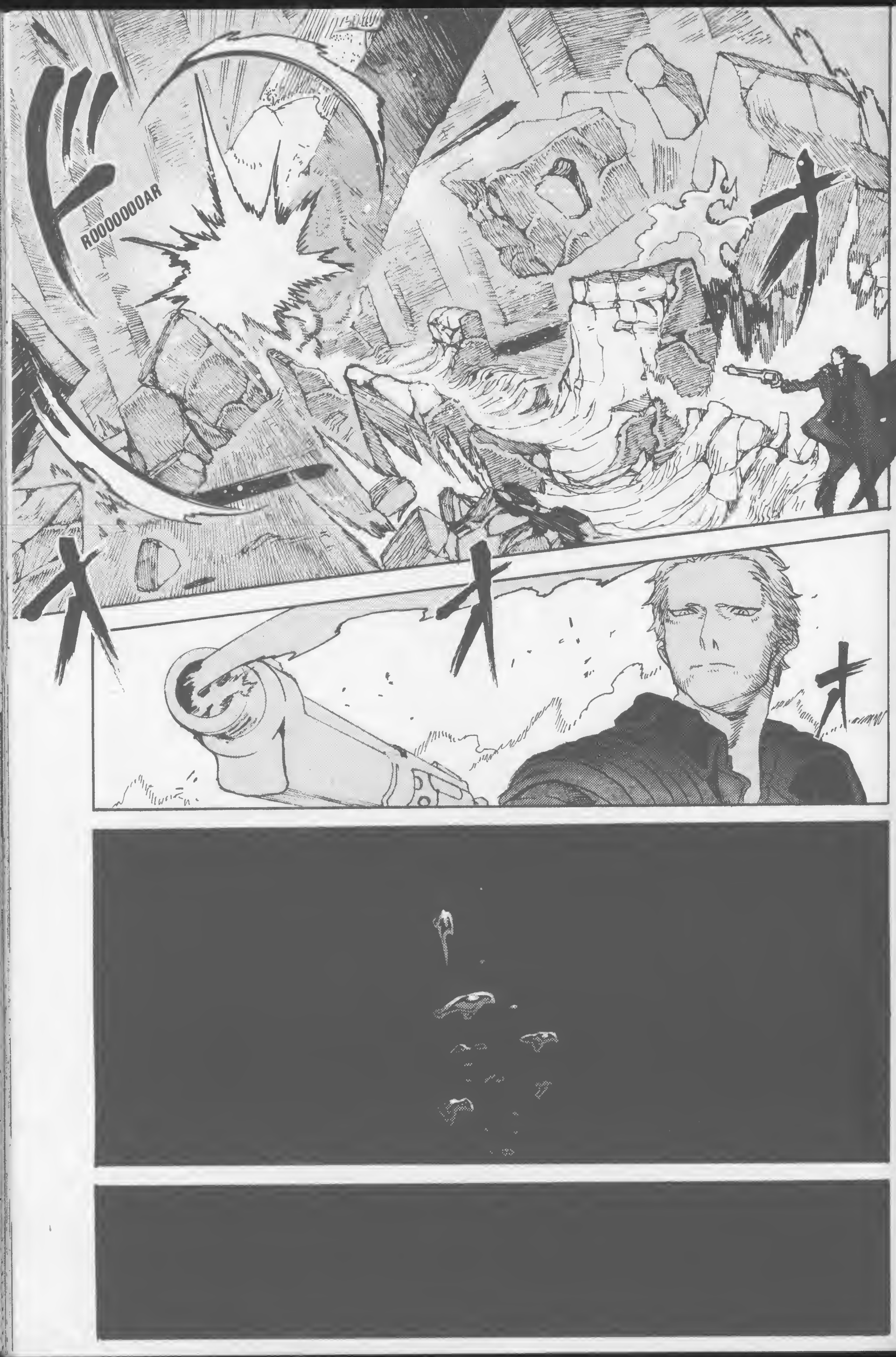
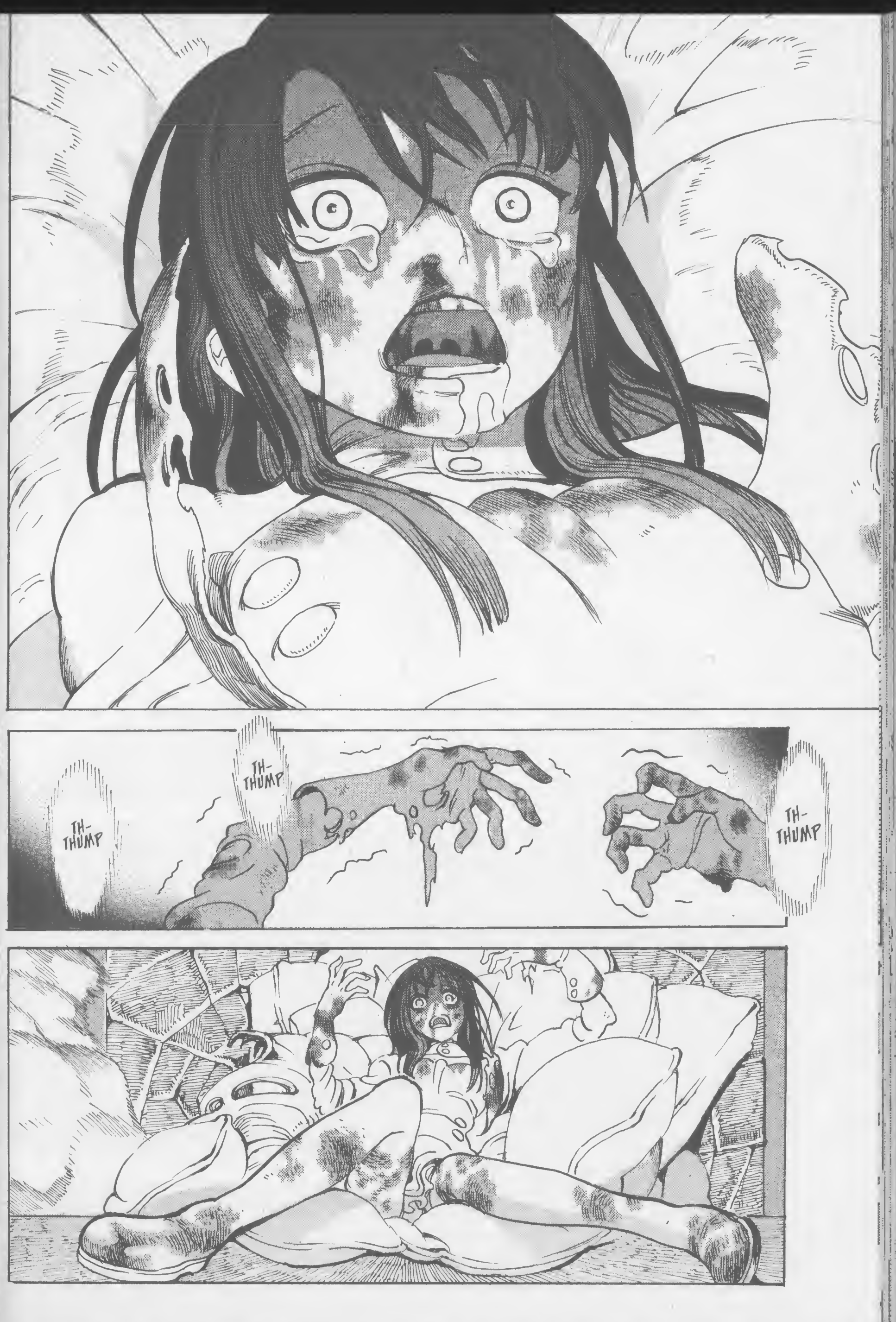
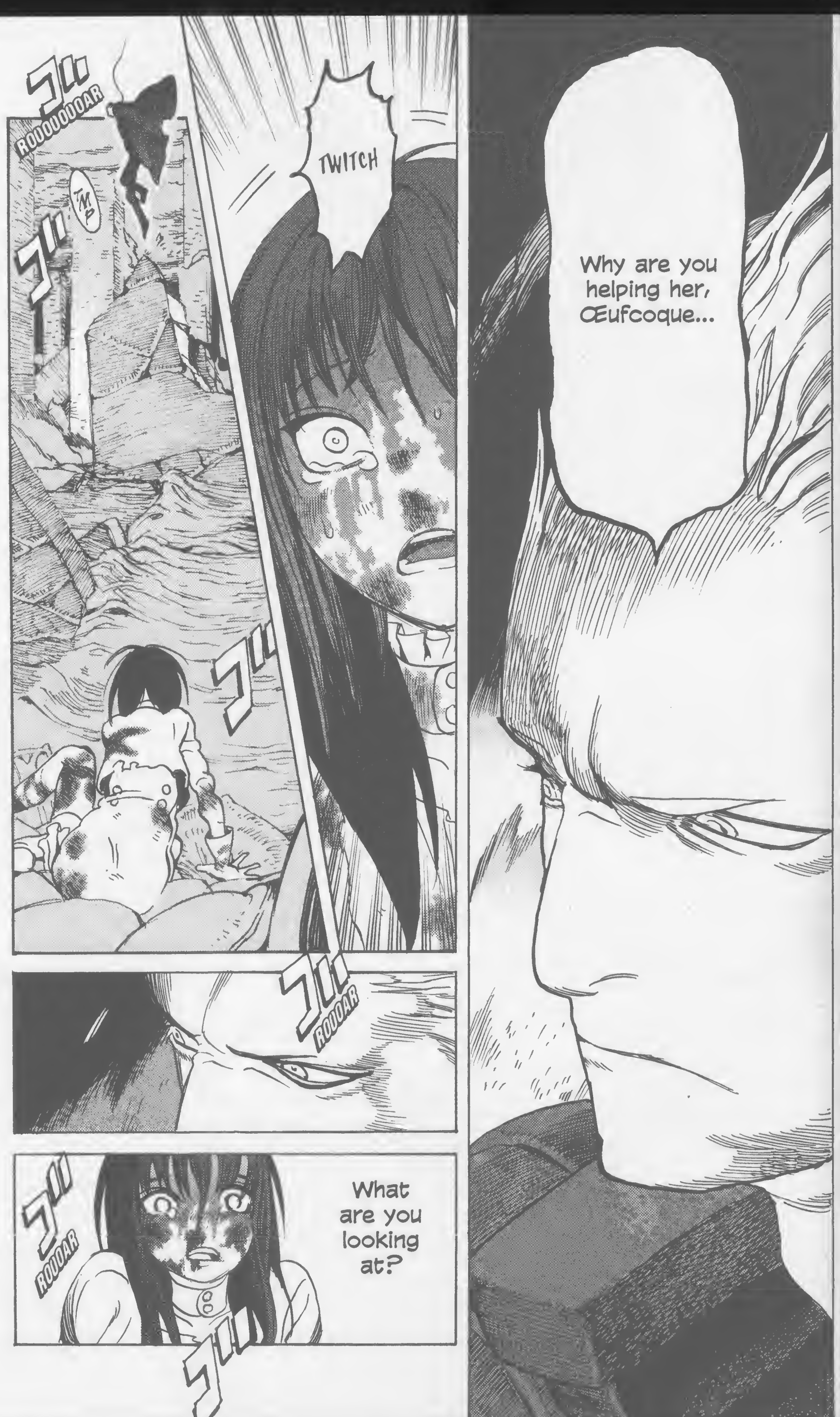

I bet it hurts being abused by your new partner...
Œufcoque...
ヒクッ
TWITCH
I'm gonna rescue you...
...from this girl...
ヒュウー
PANT
ヒュウー
PANT

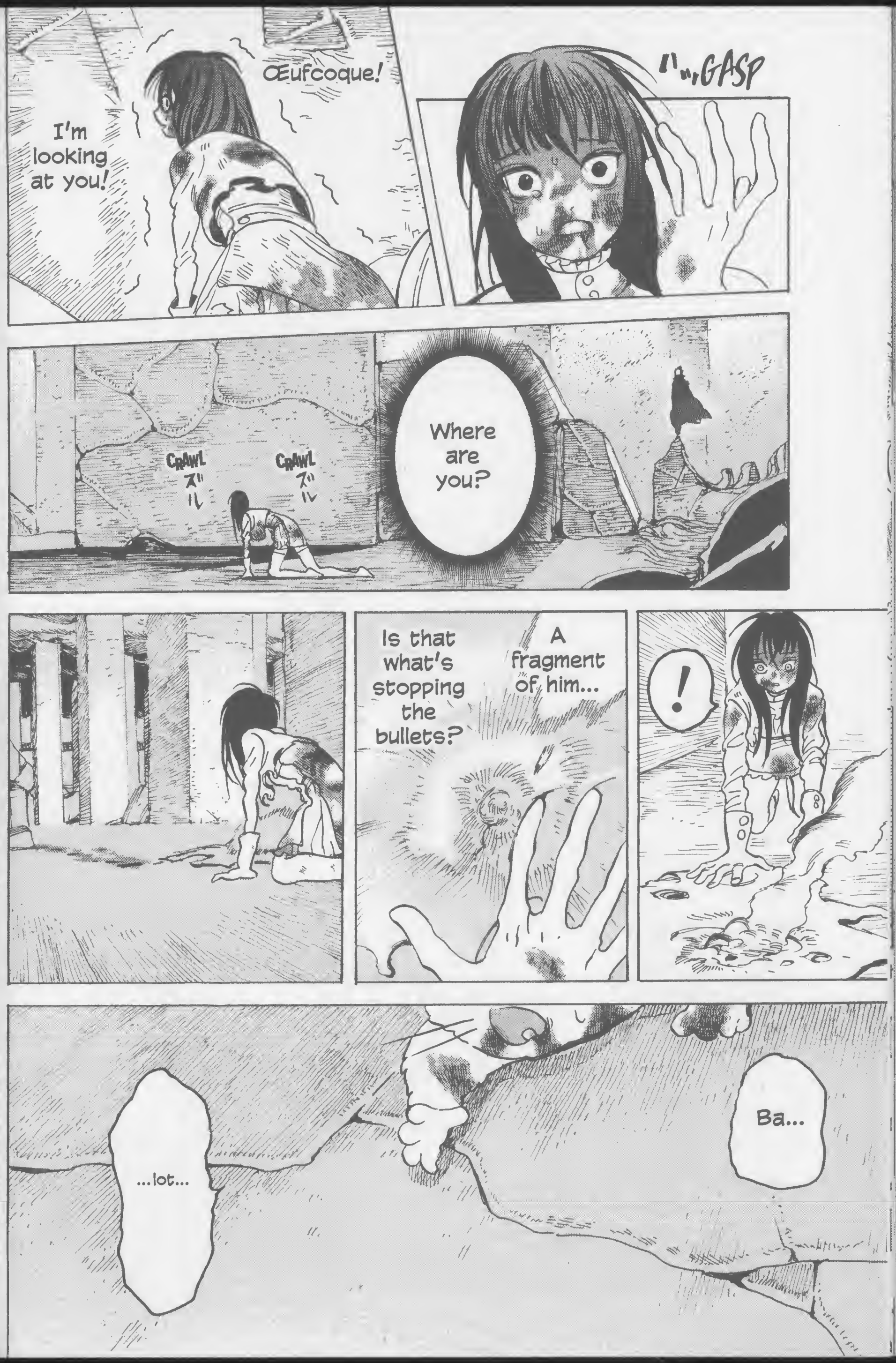

ヒュウ
FSSH
ガタ
TREMBLE
ガタ
TREMBLE
ガタ
TREMBLE
ガタ
TREMBLE
ヒュウー
FSSH
カチリ
CLICK

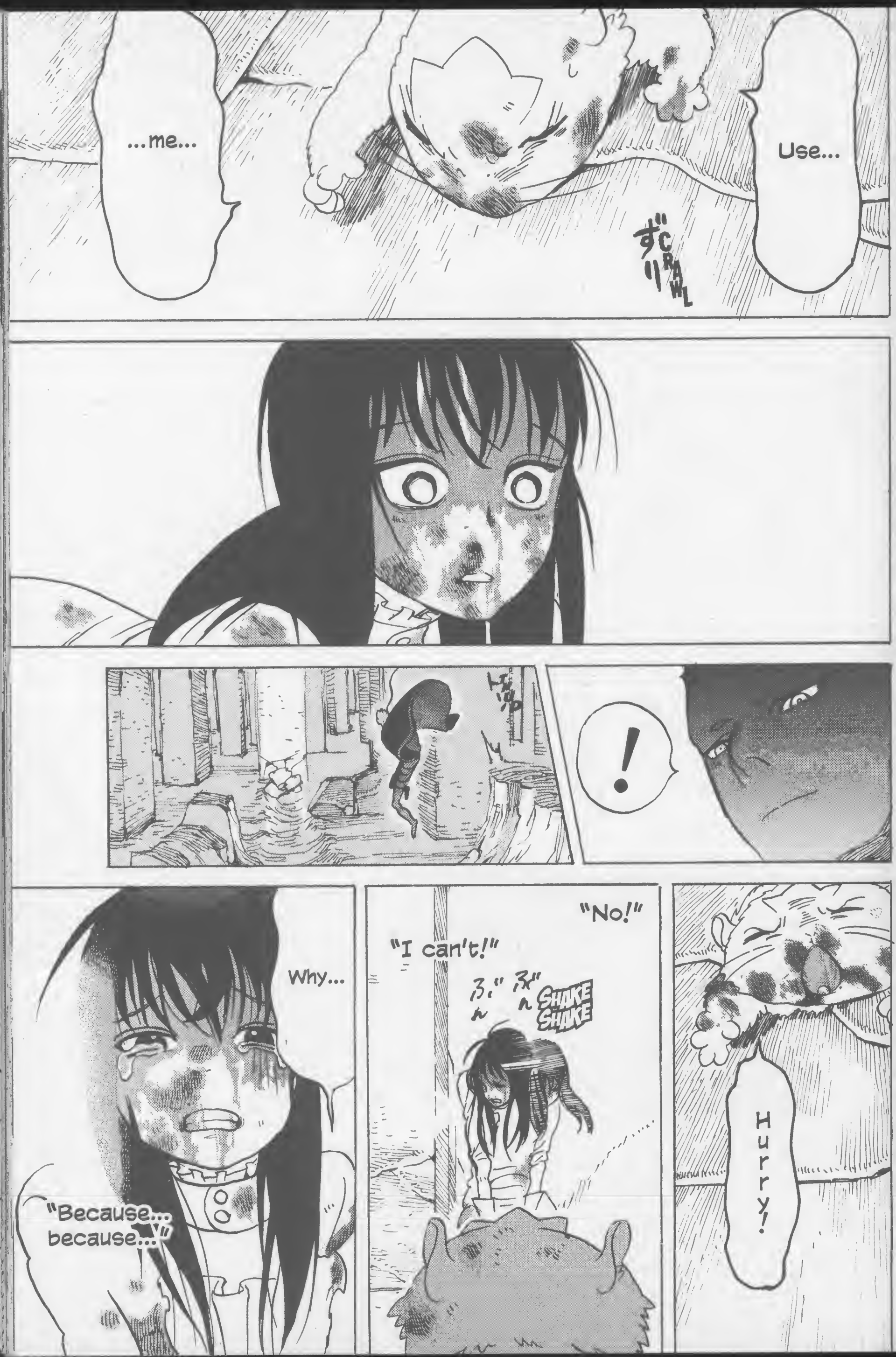

"Œufcoque...
I'm sorry..."

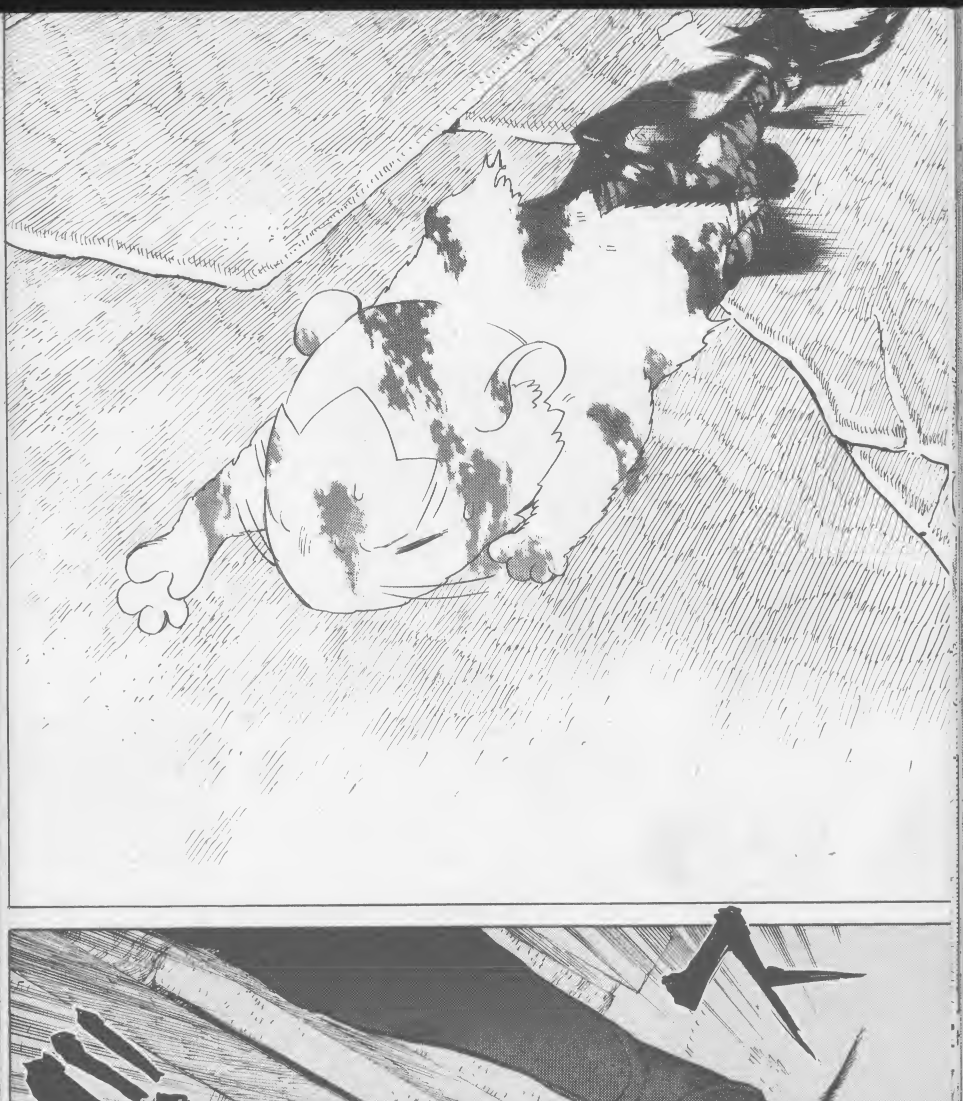

ドド
ROOOOOOOAR
オオオオ

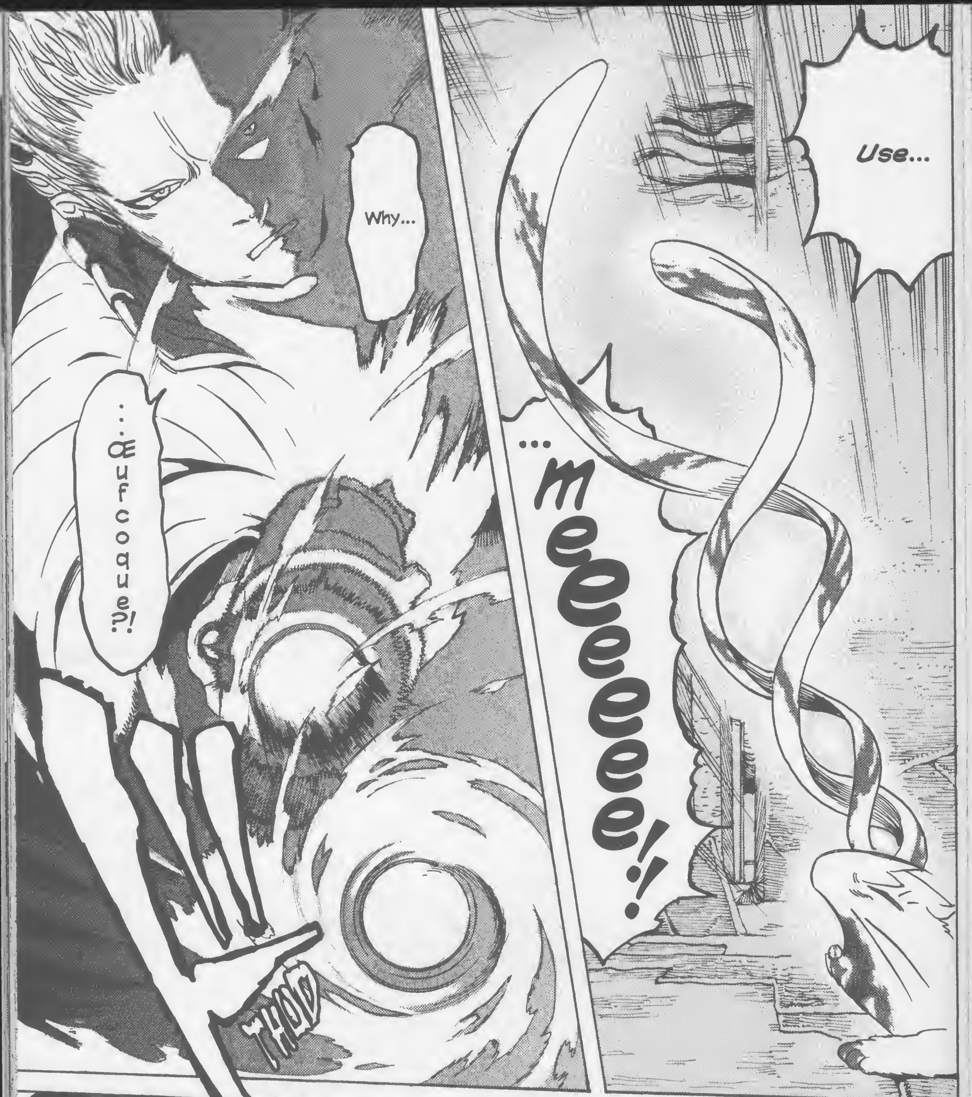

TH-THUMP
TH-THUMP
TH-THUMP

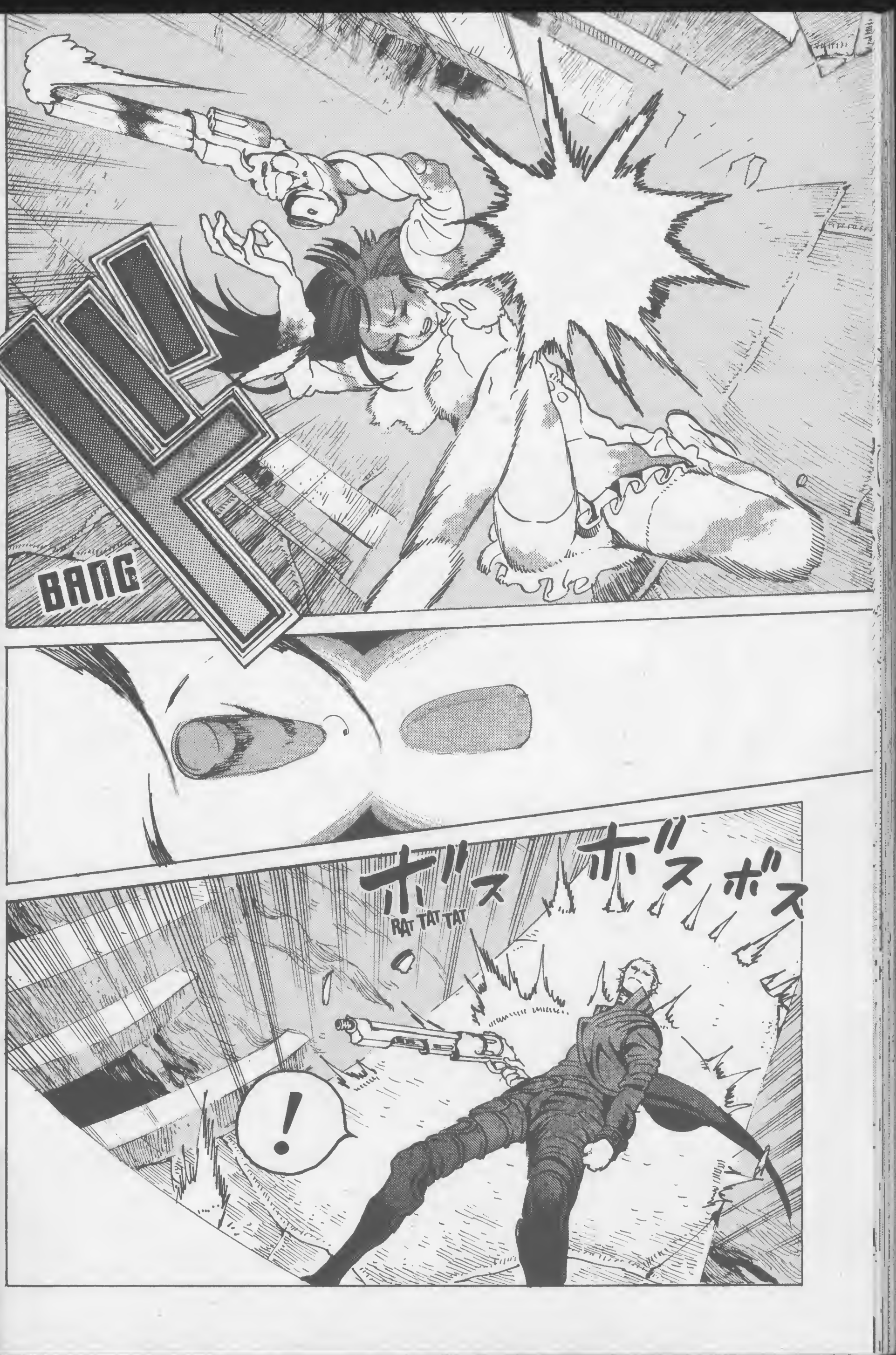

Why are you helping her, Œufcoque...
ゴゴ ROOOOOOAR
TWITCH
TMP
ゴゴ
ゴゴ
ゴゴ ROOOAR
What are you looking at?
ゴゴ ROOOAR
ゴゴ

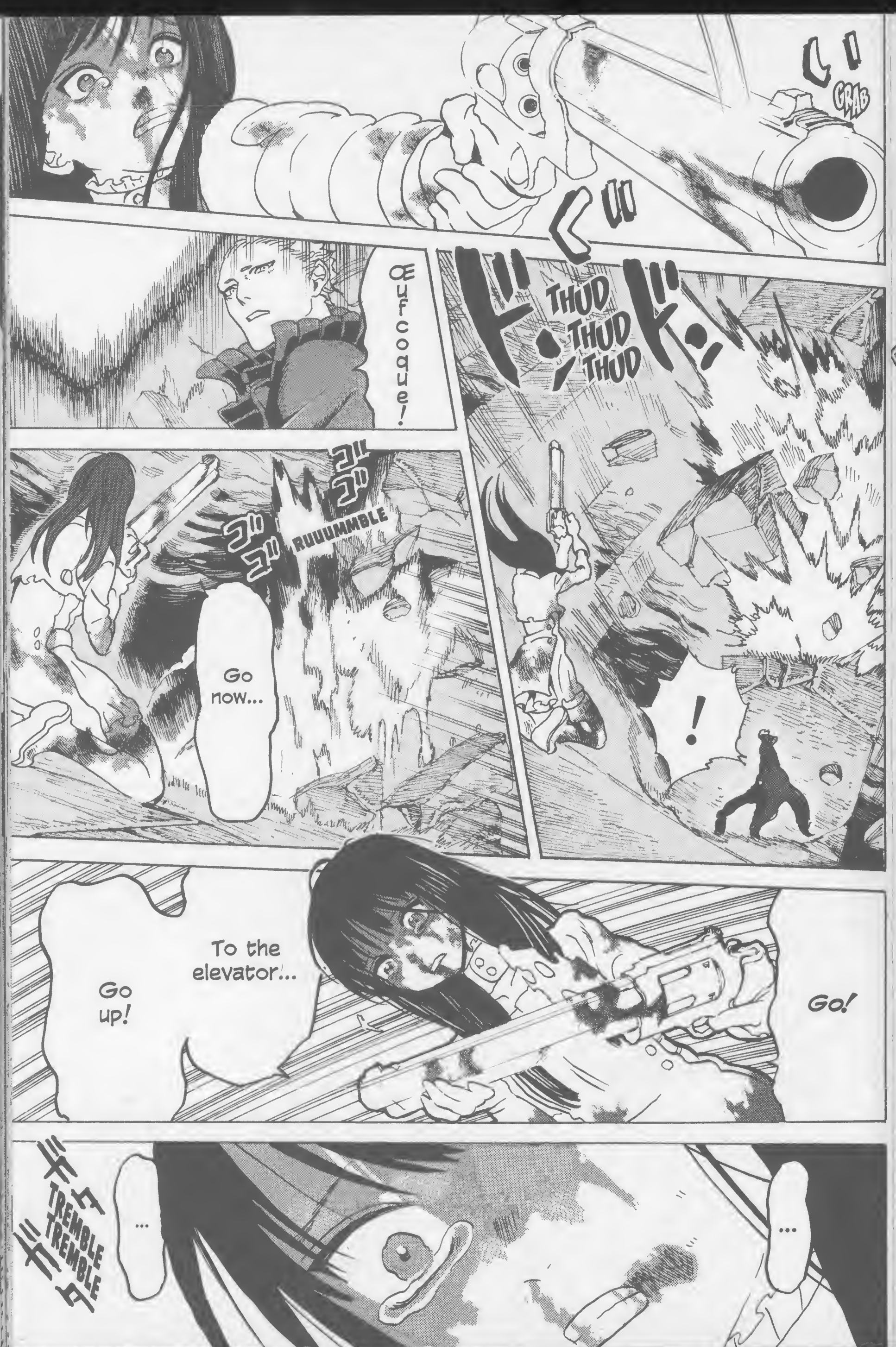

GASP
Œufcoque!
I'm looking at you!
CRAWL ズル
CRAWL ズル
Where are you?
!
A fragment of him...
Is that what's stopping the bullets?
Ba...
...lot...

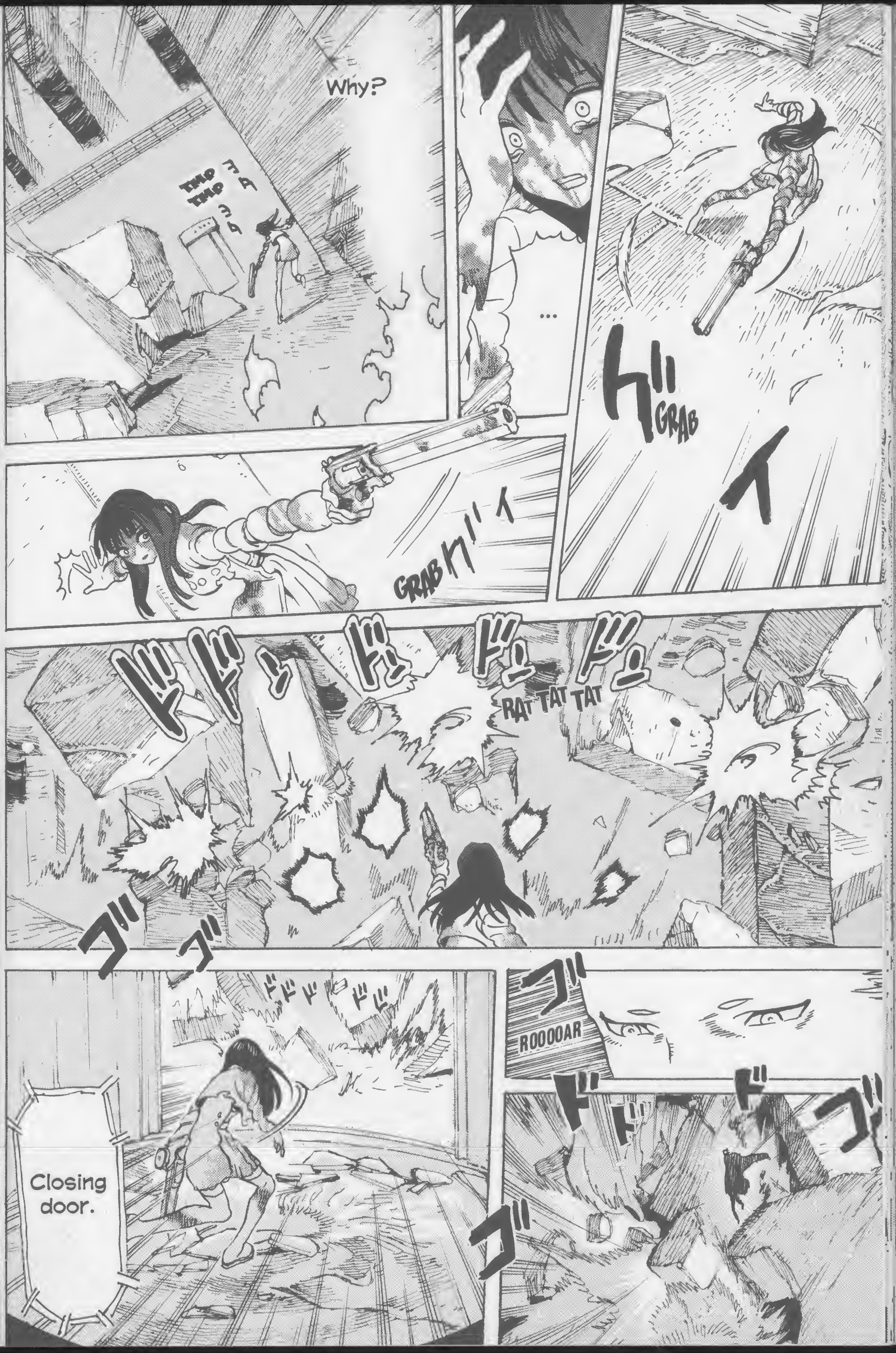

Use...
...me...
ずり CRAWL
!
Hurry!
"No!"
"I can't!"
ふぇ ふぇ SHAKE SHAKE
Why...
"Because... because..."

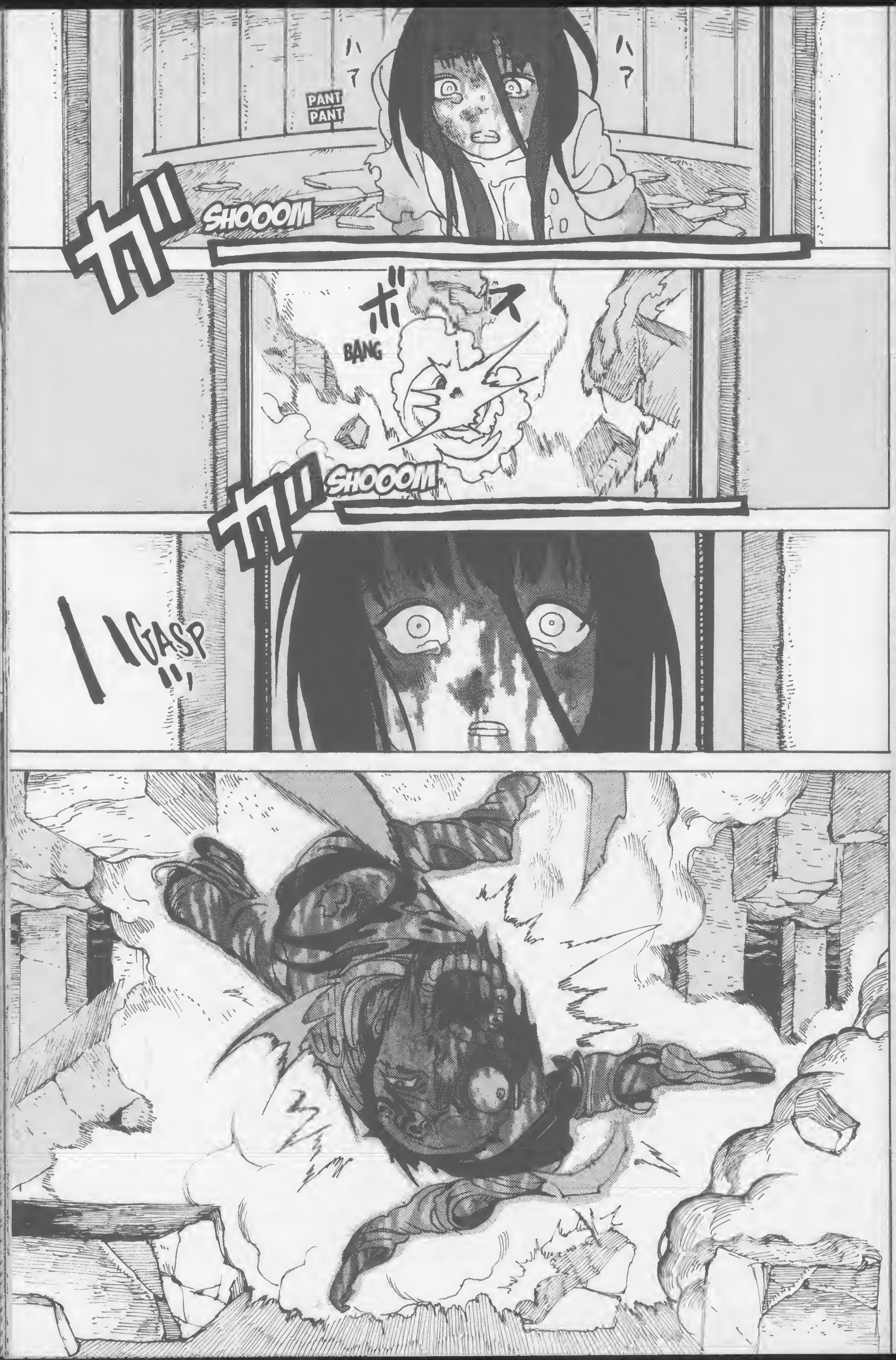

TMP
GNYA
Ughh...

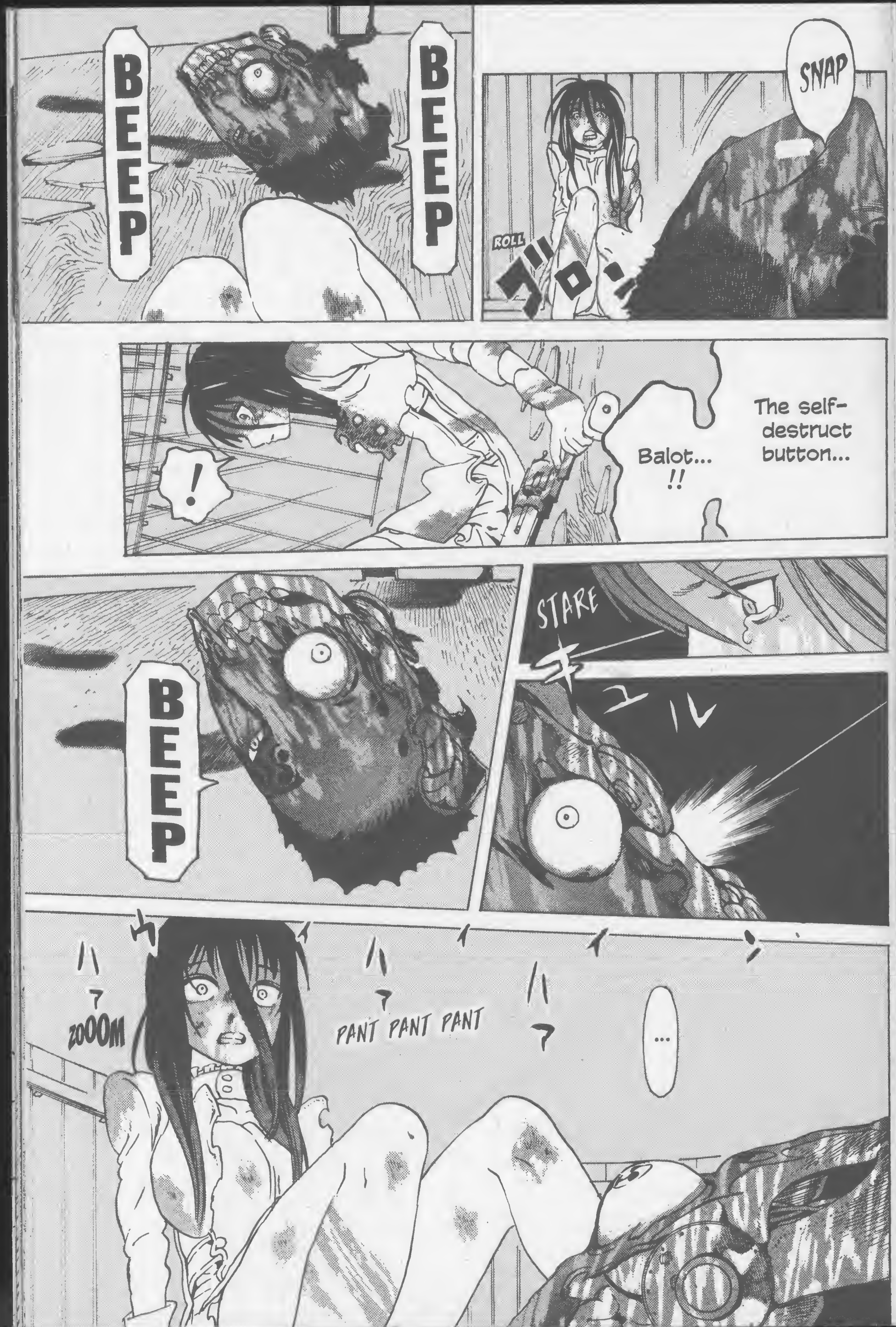

Use...
...meeeeeee!!
Why...
...Œufcoque?!
THUD

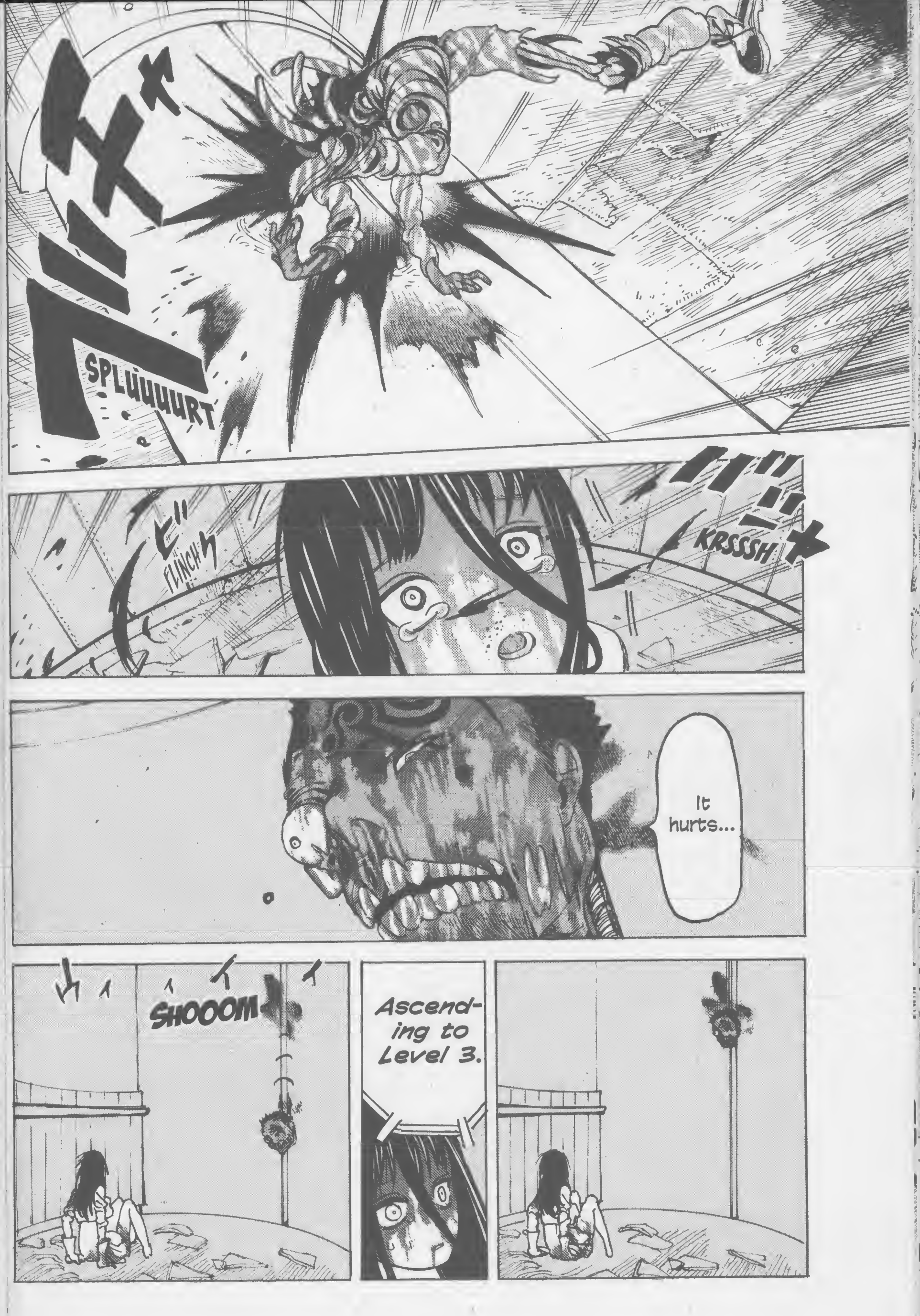

ドン
BANG
ボスボスボス
RAT TAT TAT
!

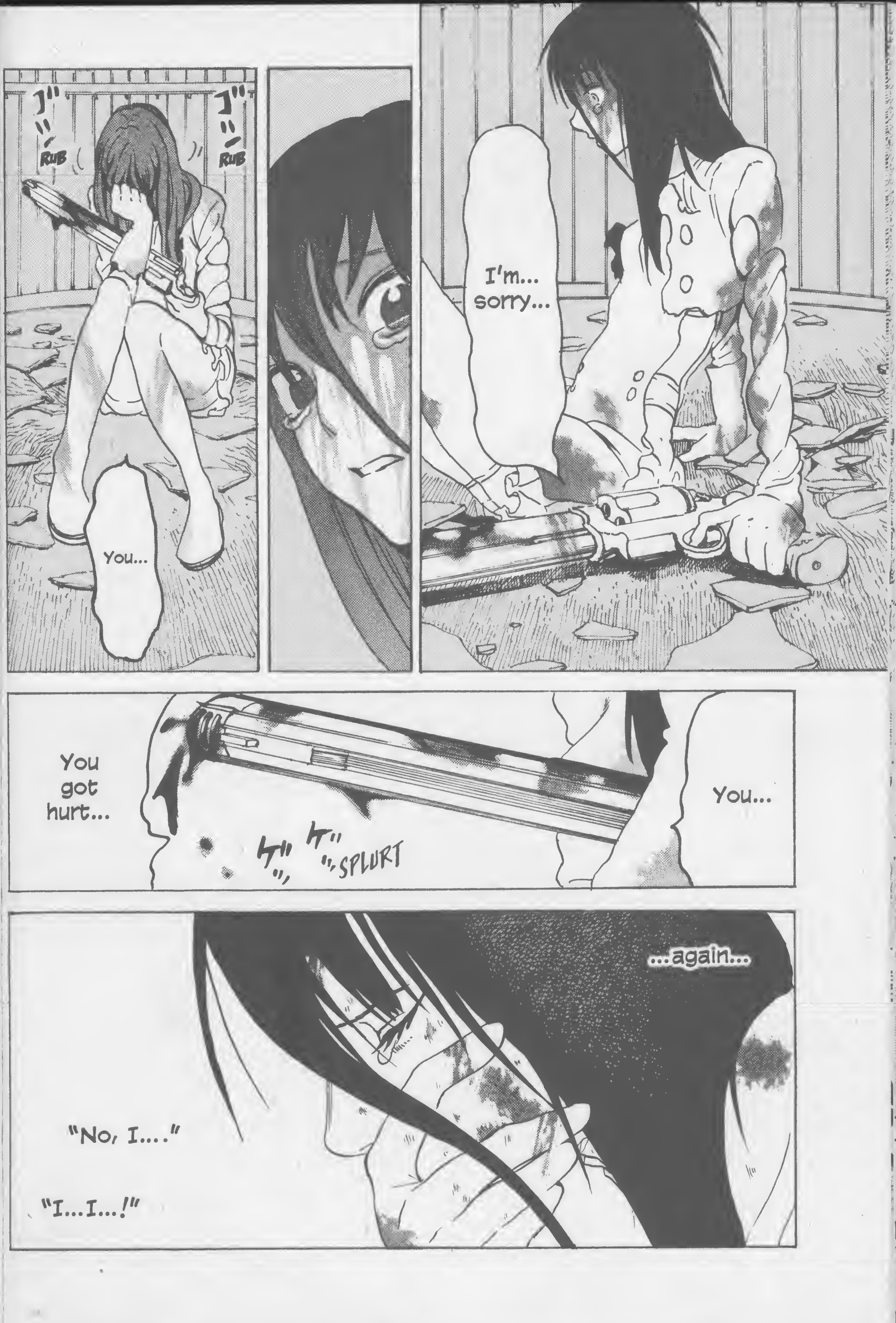

ぐい
GRAB
Œufcoque!
ドッドッ
THUD THUD THUD
!
ゴゴゴ
RUUUMMBLE
Go now...
Go!
To the elevator...
Go up!
...
...
ガタガタ
TREMBLE TREMBLE

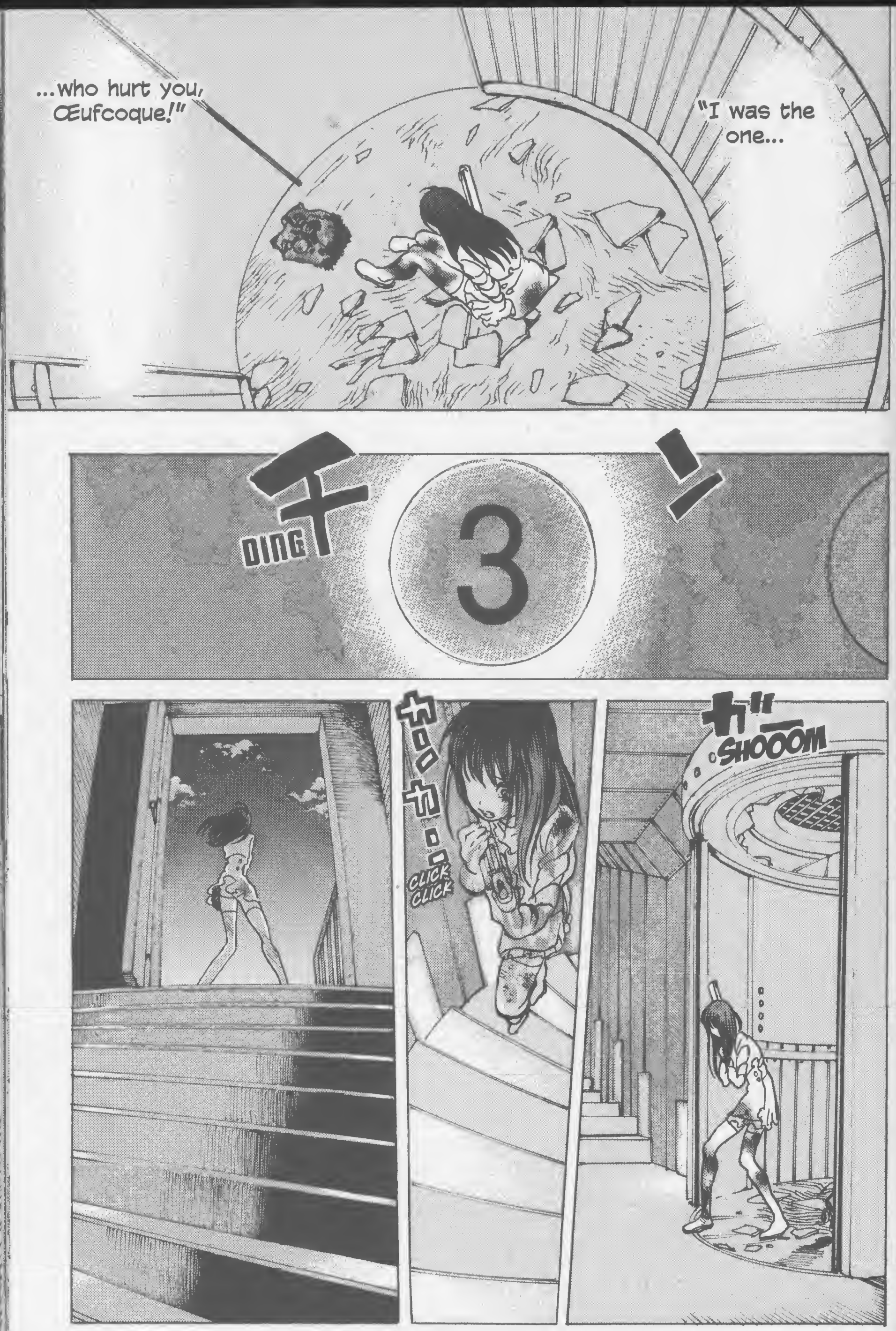

GRAB
Why?
TMP TMP
...
GRAB
RAT TAT TAT
ROOOAR
Closing door.

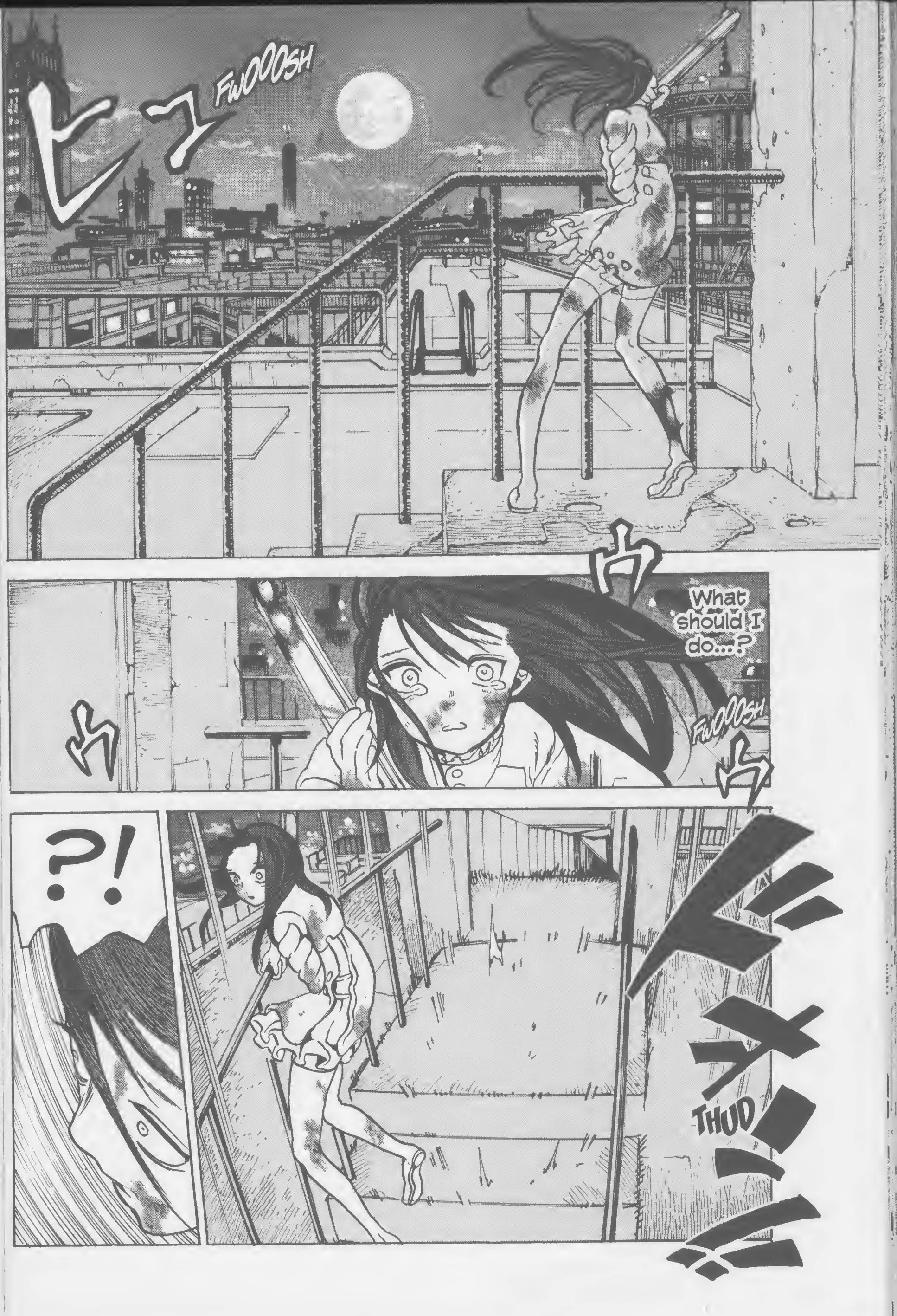

ハァ ハァ
PANT PANT
SHOOOM
ボス
BANG
SHOOOM
GASP

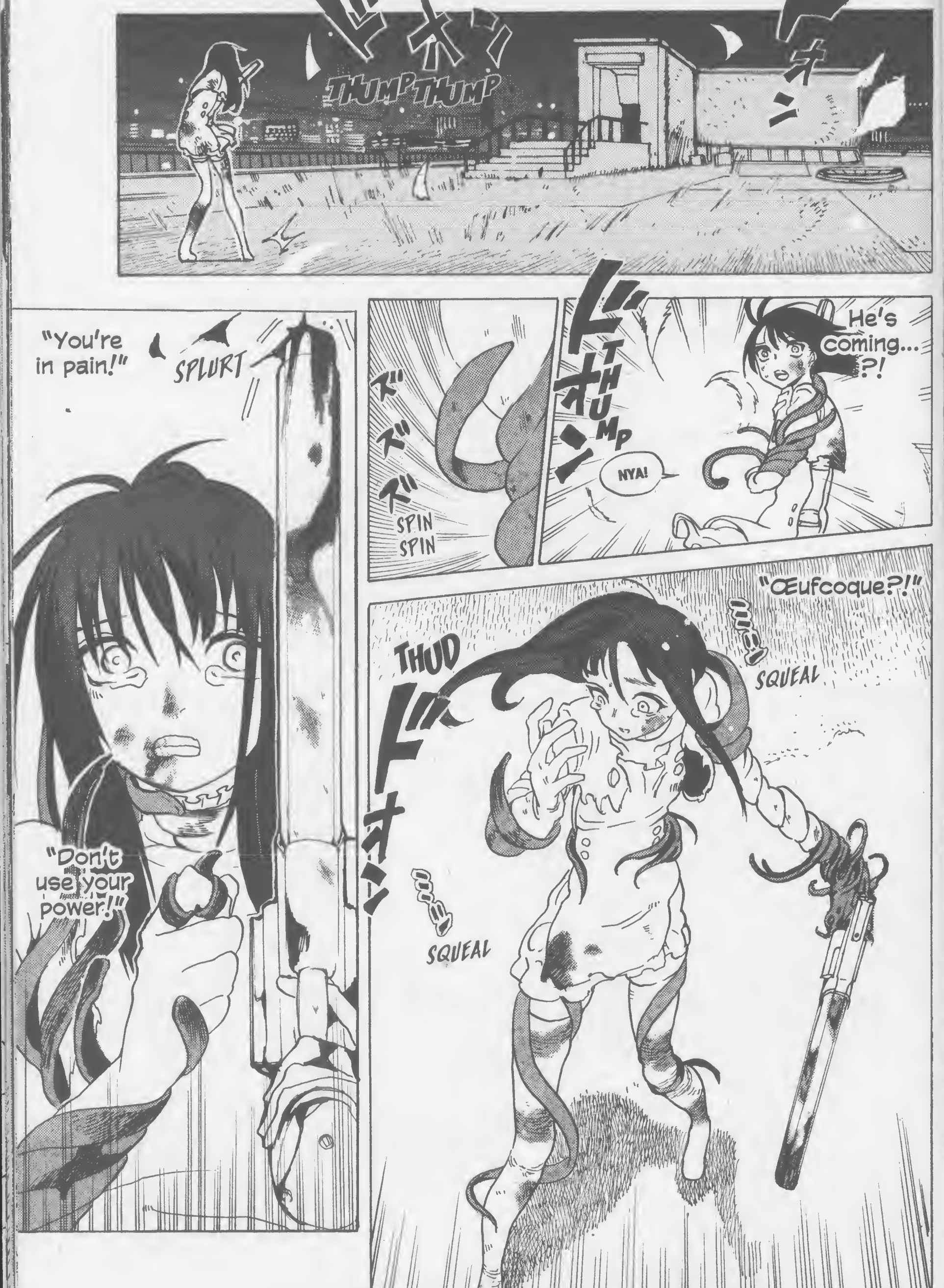

BEEP
BEEP
SNAP
ROLL
!
Balot... !!
The self-destruct button...
BEEP
STARE
ZOOOM
PANT PANT PANT
...

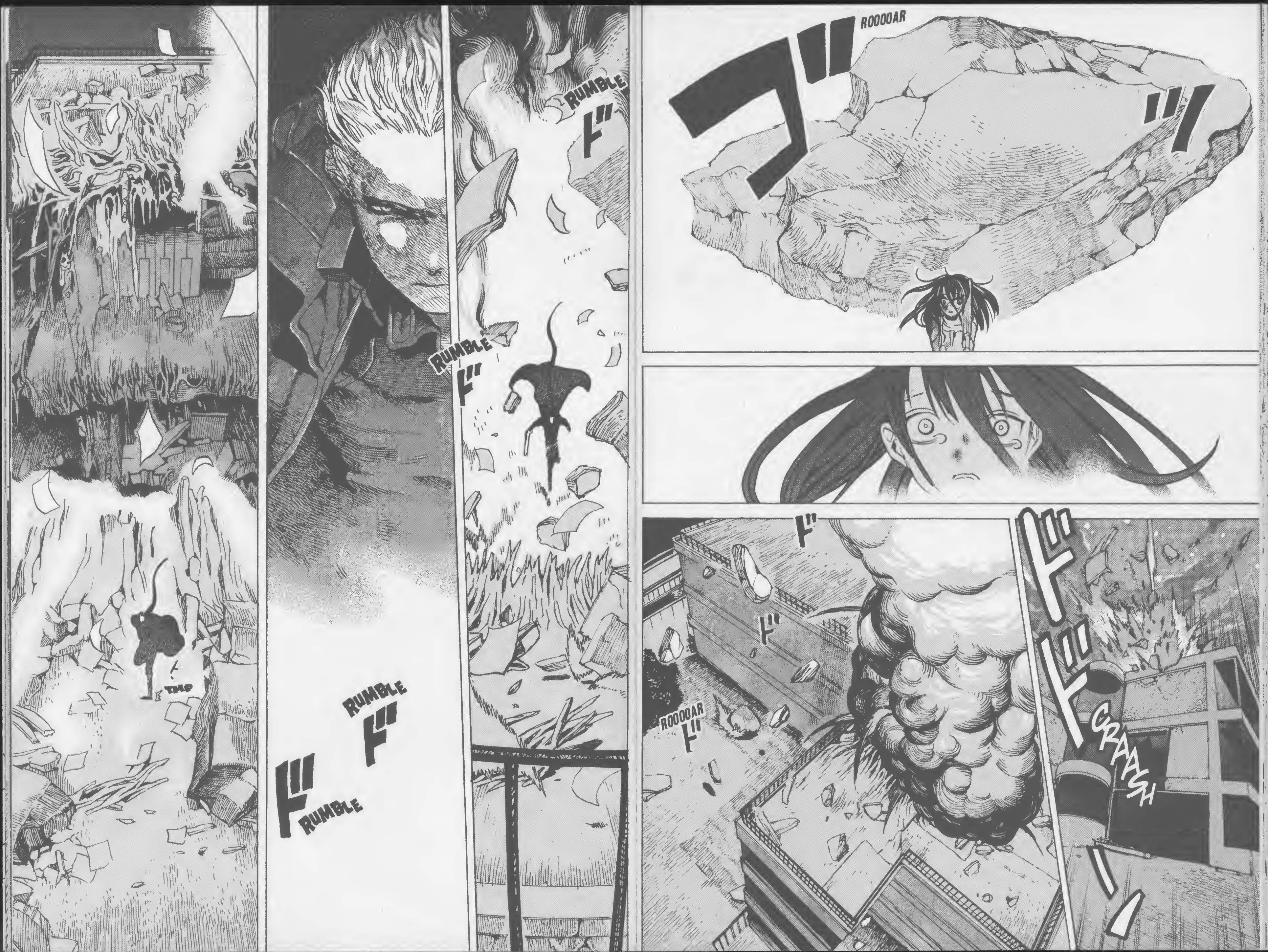

SPLUUUURT
FLINCH
KRSSSH
It hurts...
SHOOOM
Ascending to Level 3.

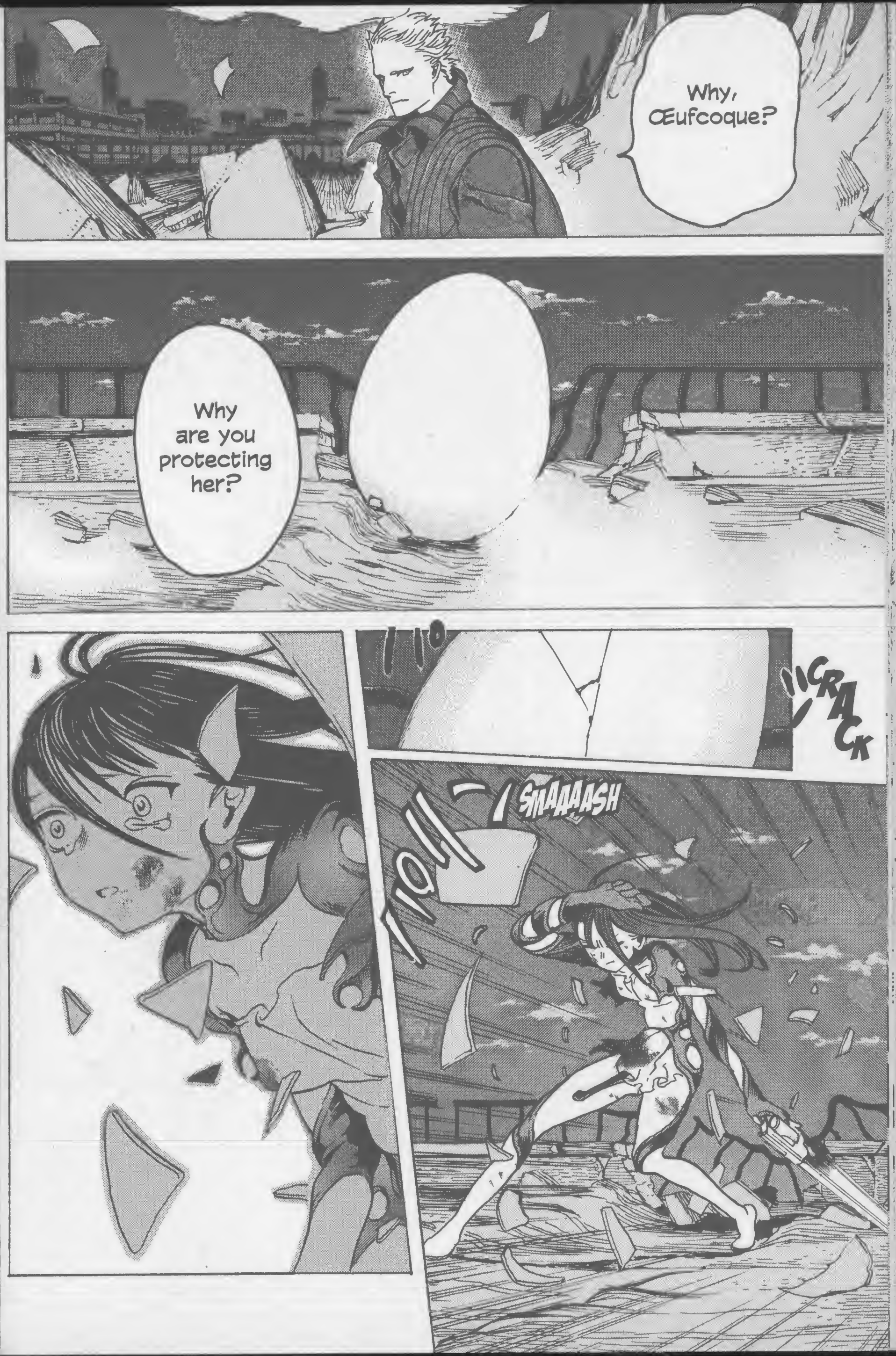

I'm... sorry...
RUB
RUB
You...
You...
You got hurt...
SPLURT
...again...
"No, I...."
"I...I...!"

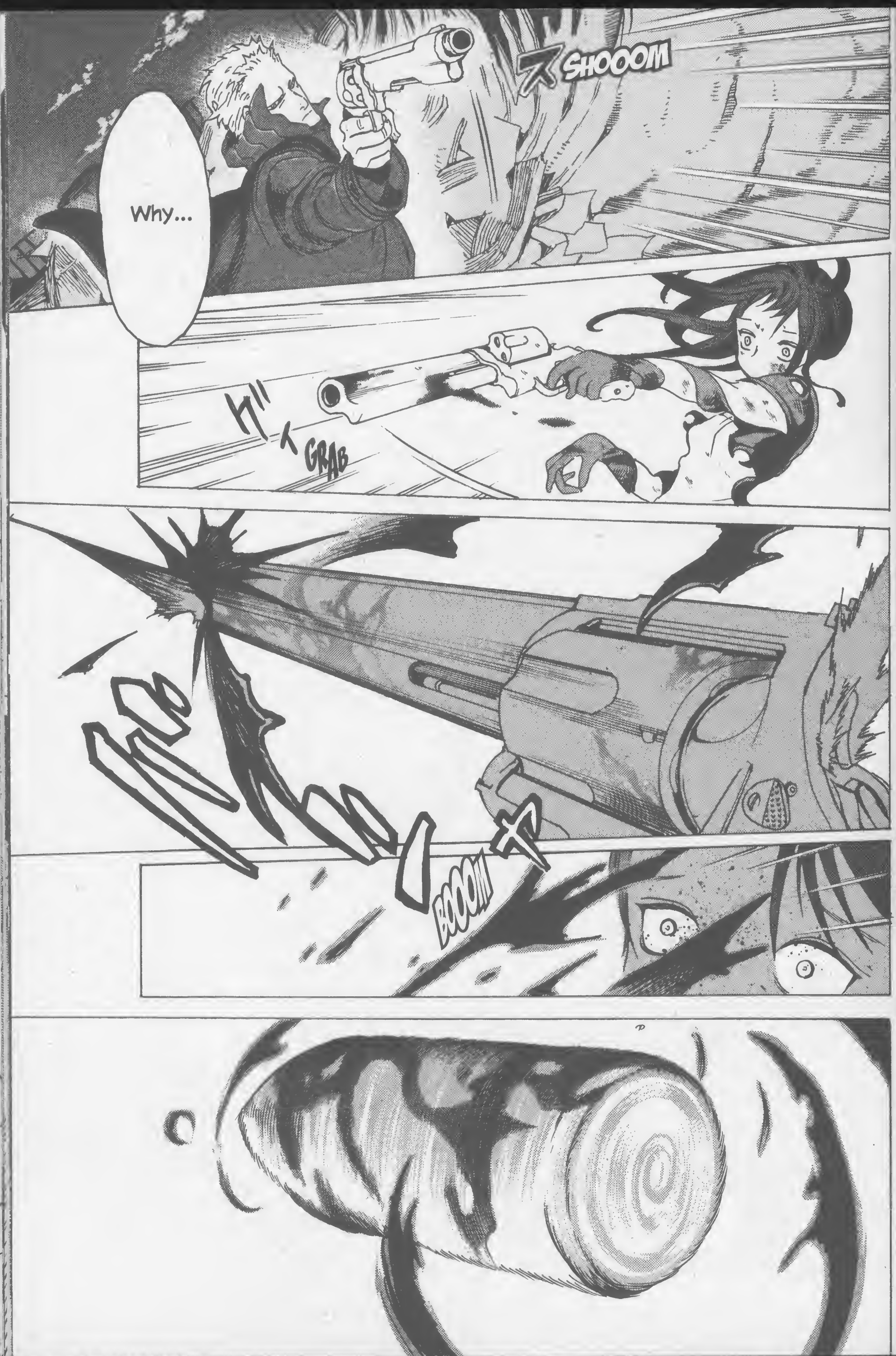

"I was the one...
...who hurt you, Œufcoque!"
DING
3
SHOOOM
CLICK CLICK

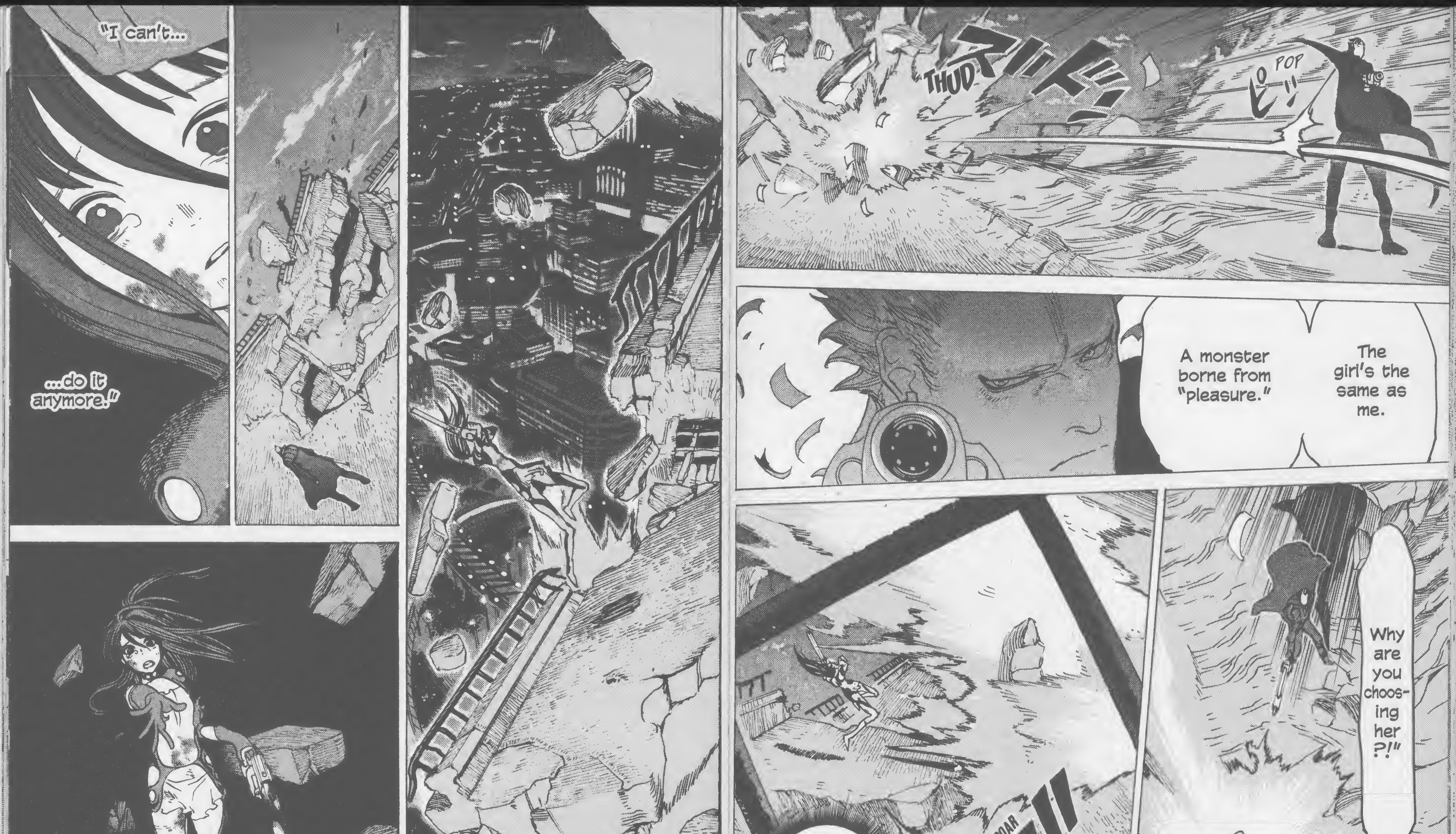

ヒュ
FWOOOSH
ウ
ウ
What should I do...?
FWOOOSH
ウ
?!
ドオン!!
THUD

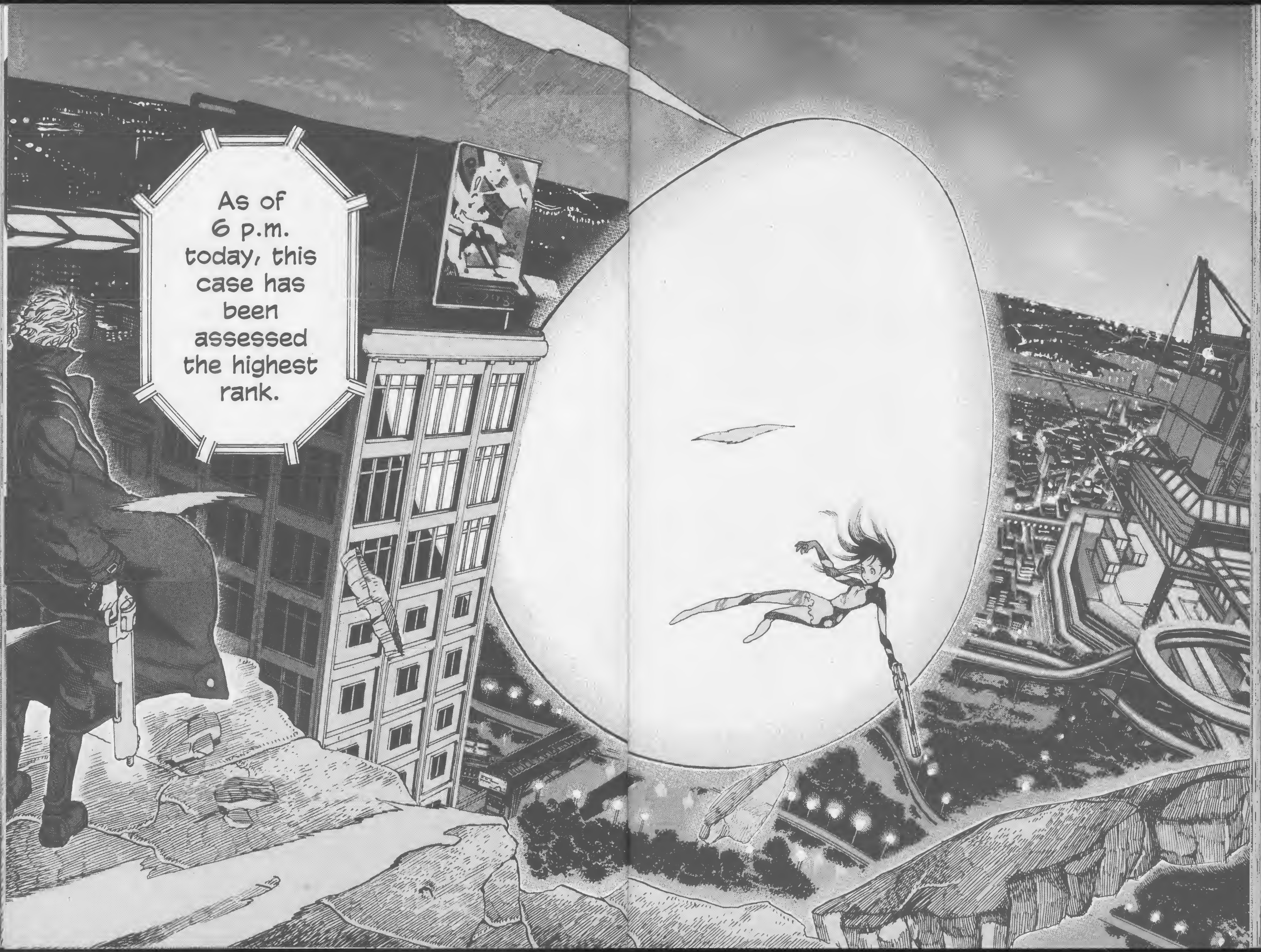

ドォン
ドオン
THUMP THUMP
He's coming...?!
ドオン
THUMP
NYA!
ズズズ
SPIN SPIN
"You're in pain!"
SPLURT
"Don't use your power!"
"Œufcoque?!"
SQUEAL
THUD
ドオン
SQUEAL

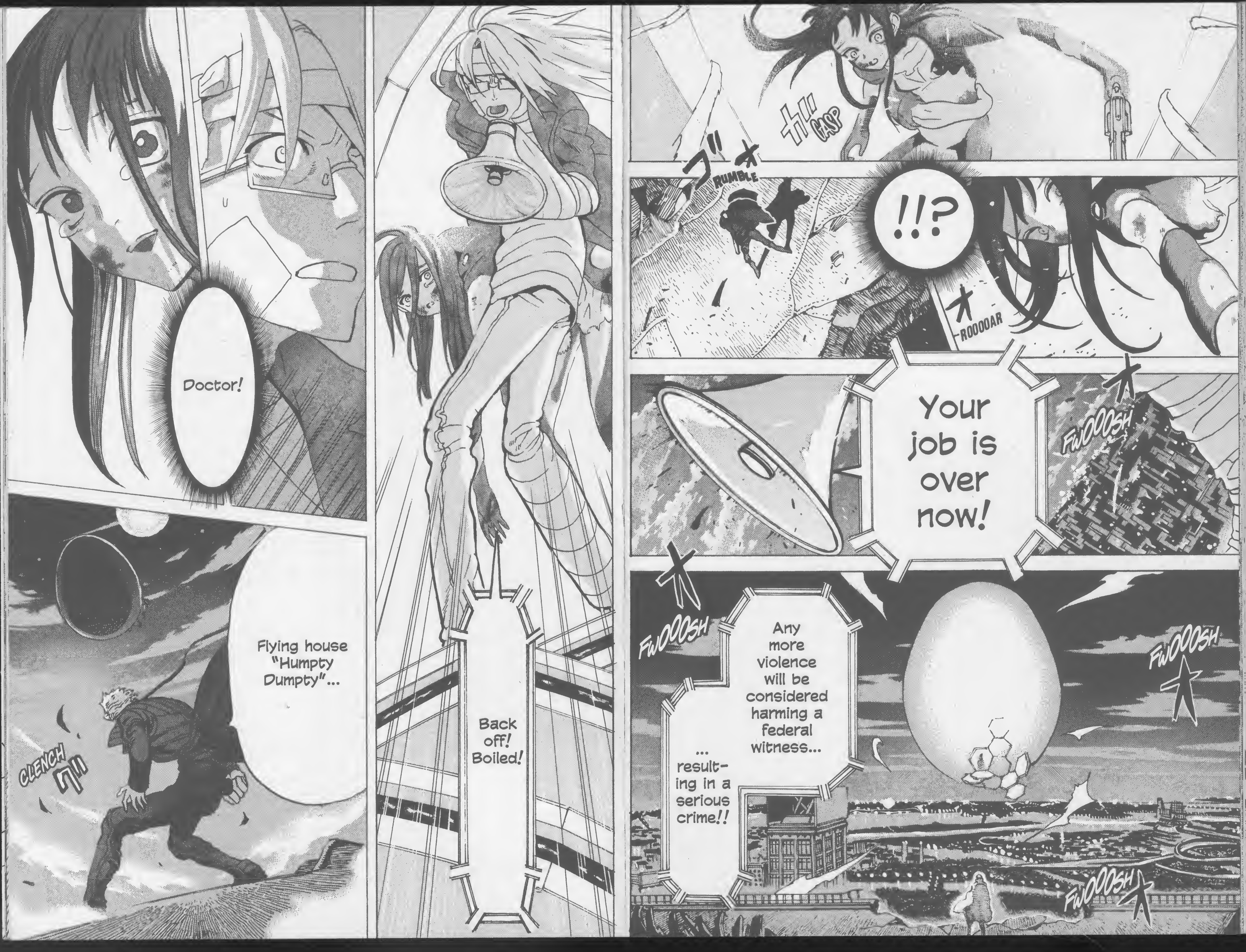

ROOOOAR
ゴ
ド
ド
ROOOOAR
ド
ド
ド
CRAAASH
RUMBLE
ド
RUMBLE
ド
RUMBLE
ド
ド
RUMBLE
TMP

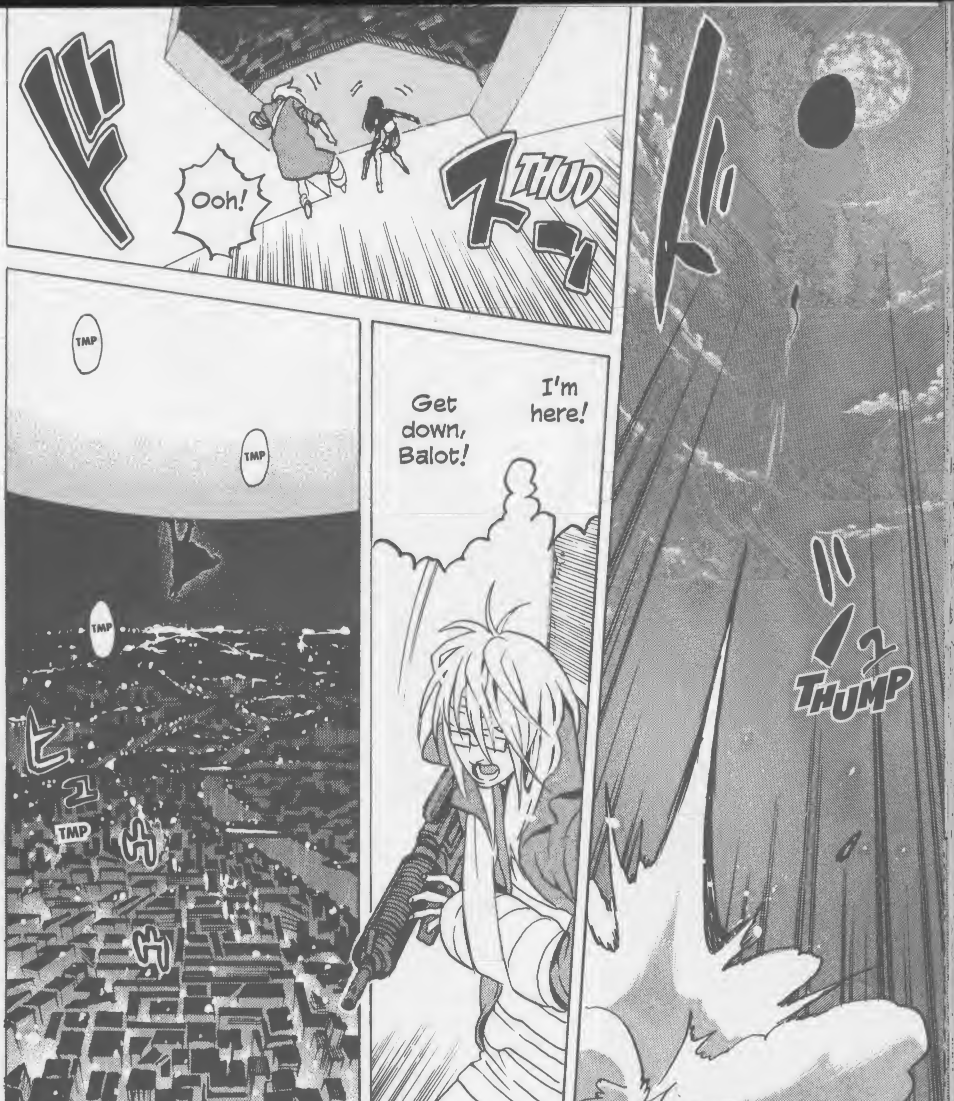

Why, Œufcoque?
Why are you protecting her?
CRACK
SMAAAASH

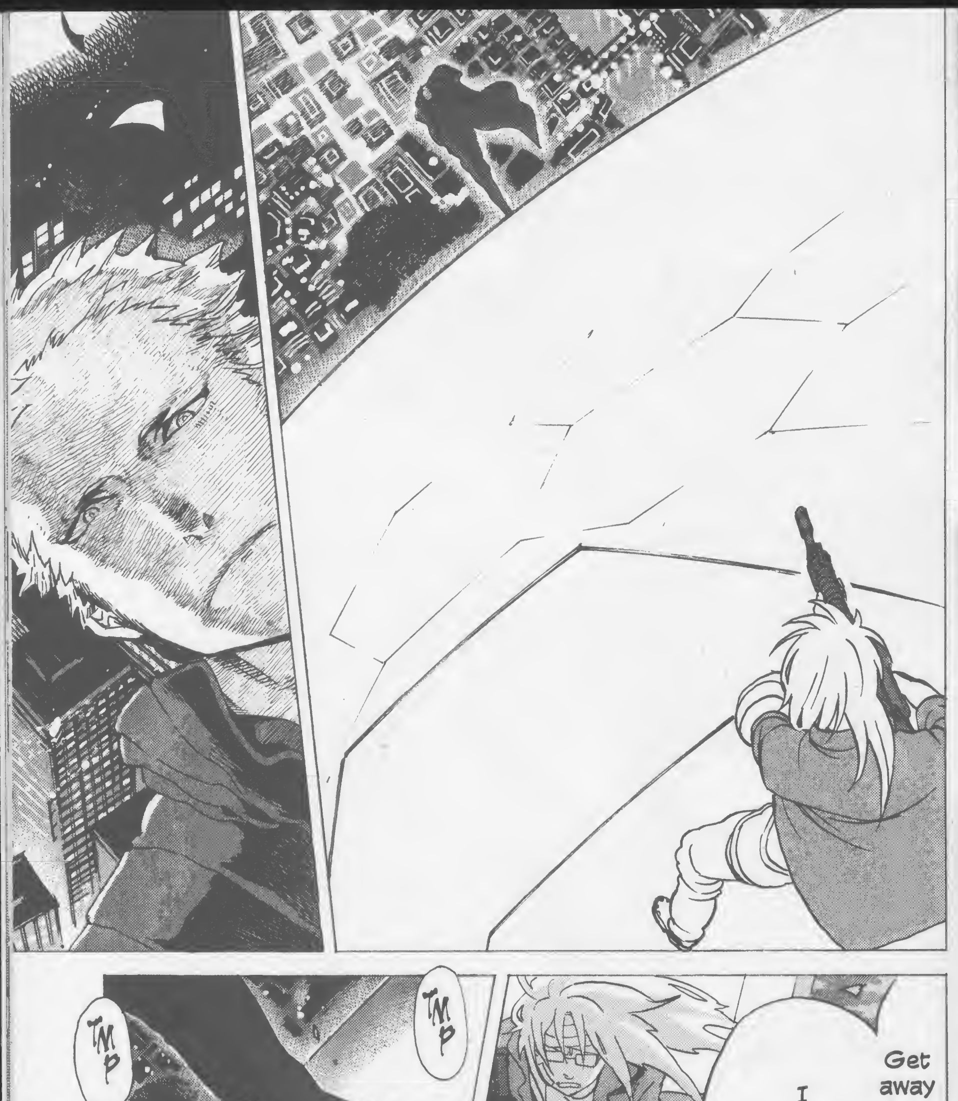

SHOOOM
Why...
GRAB
BOOOM

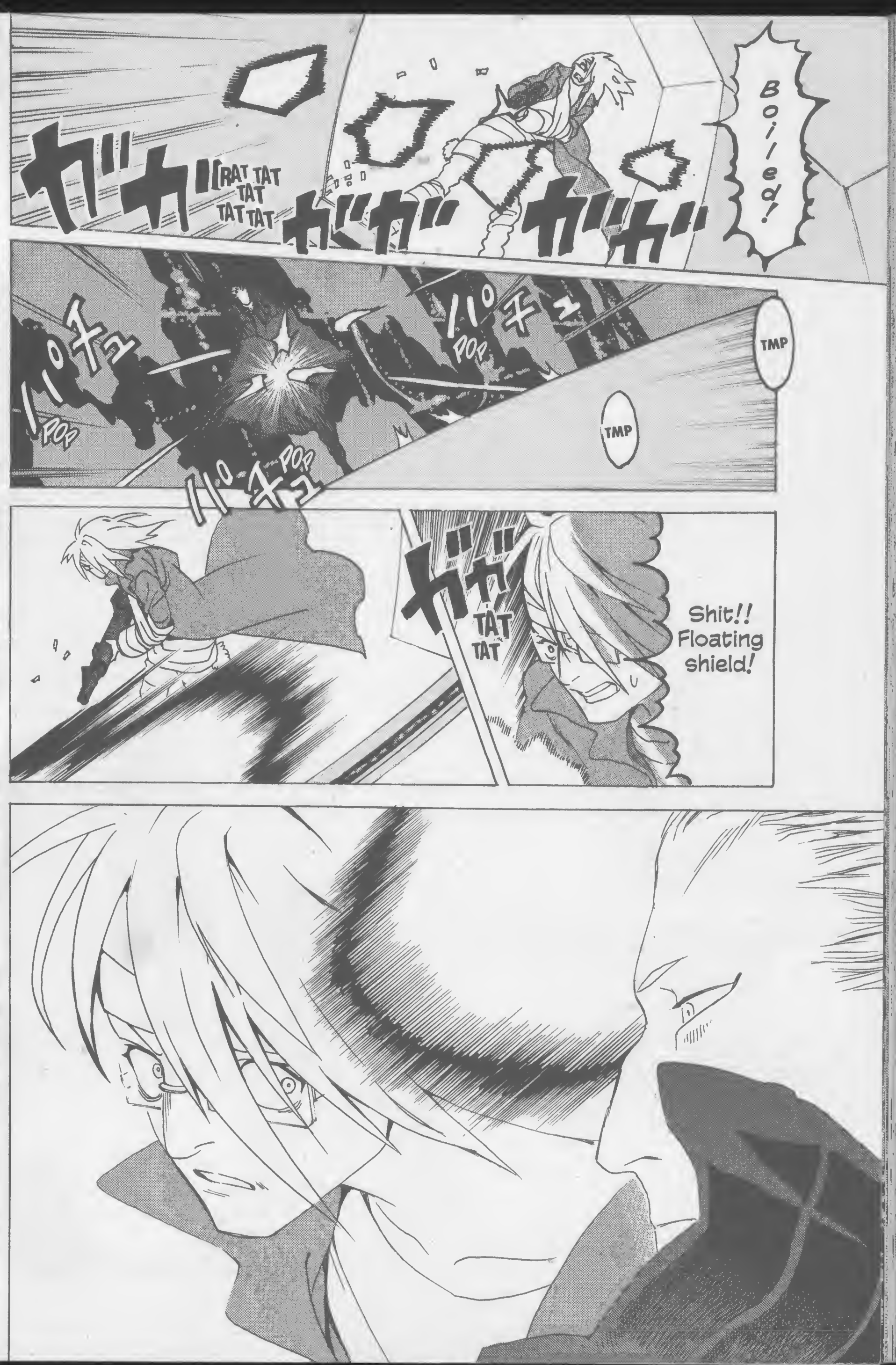

THUD
ズドド!!
POP
ピッ
The girl's the same as me.
A monster borne from "pleasure."
Why are you choosing her?!"
ROOOOAR
ゴ"
!
ドド"
"I can't...
...do it anymore."

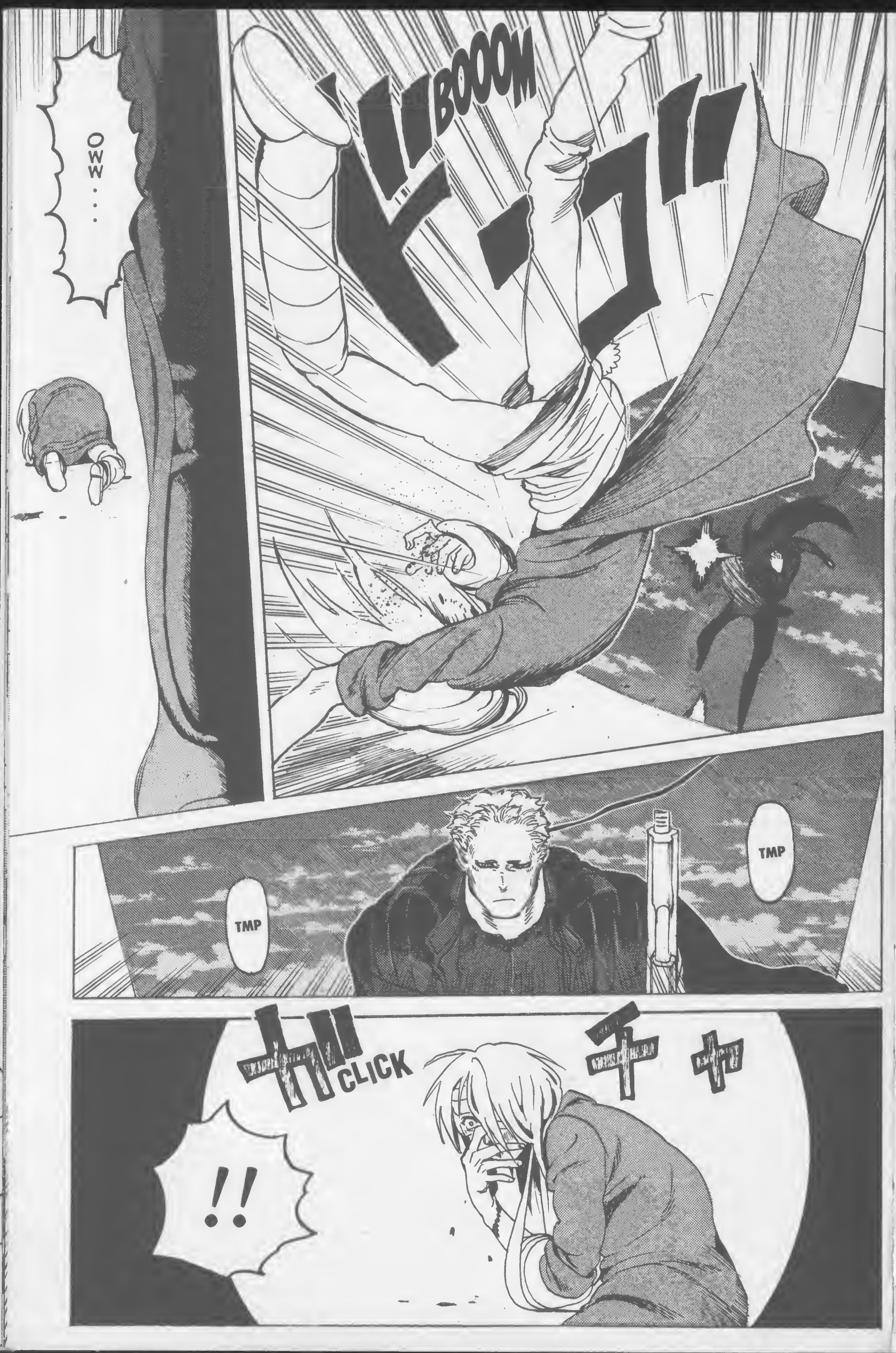

As of 6 p.m. today, this case has been assessed the highest rank.

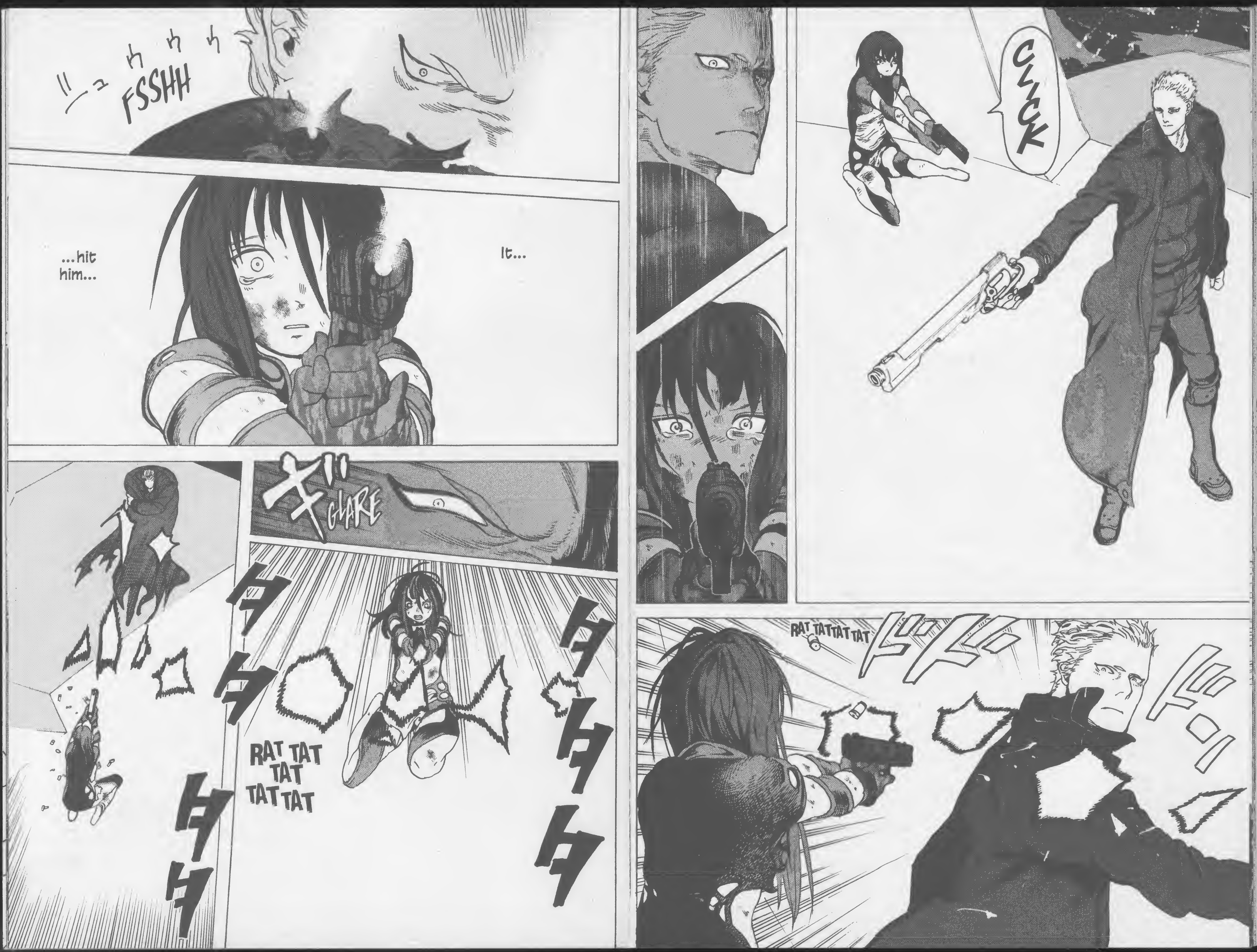

カッ GASP
ブォ RUMBLE
!!?
オ ROOOOAR
Your job is over now!
オ FWOOOSH
オ FWOOOSH
Any more violence will be considered harming a federal witness...
... resulting in a serious crime!!
FWOOOSH
FWOOOSH
Back off! Boiled!
Doctor!
Flying house "Humpty Dumpty"...
グッ CLENCH

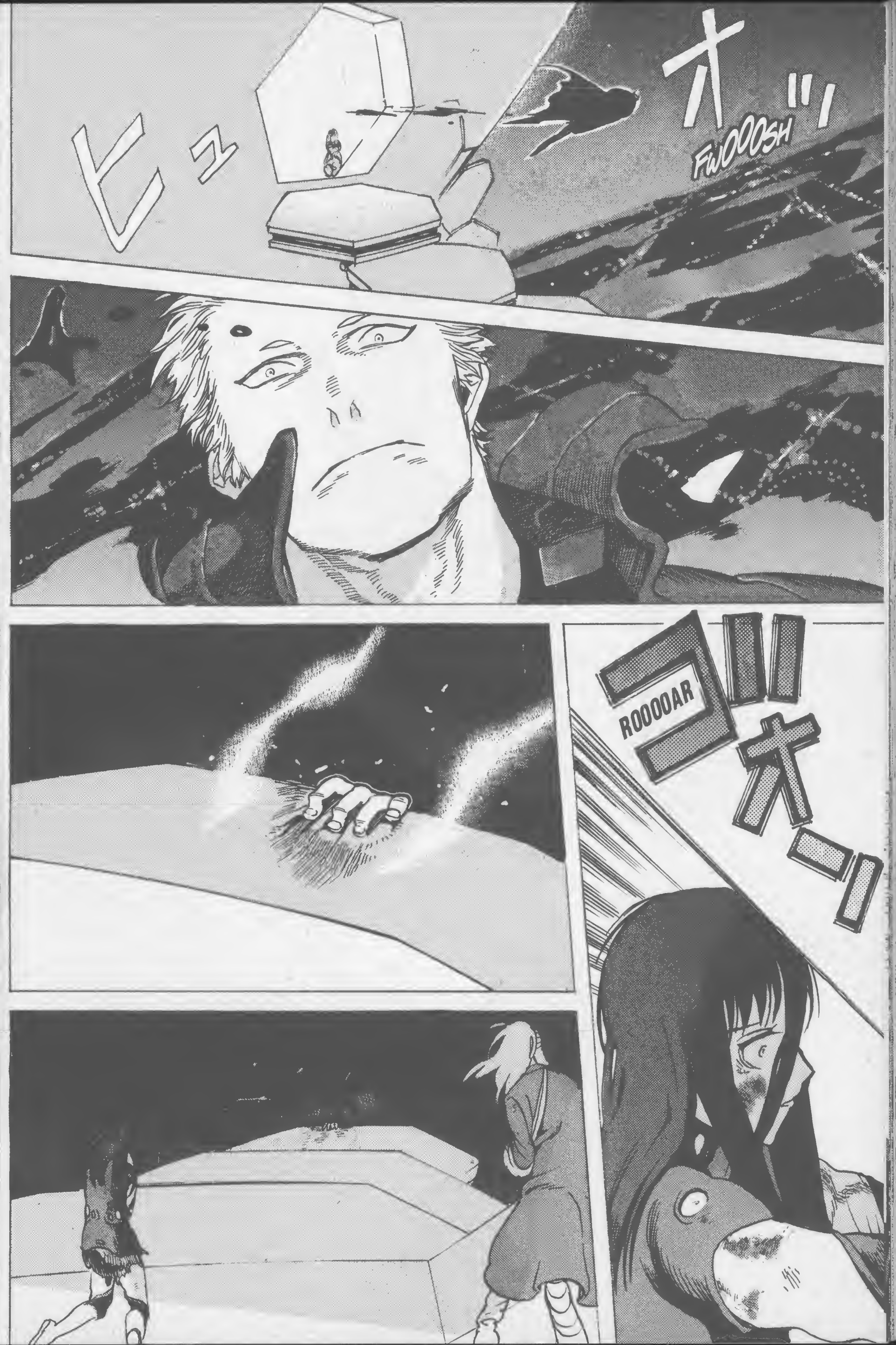

THUMP
THUD
Ooh!
I'm here!
Get down, Balot!
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
...
TMP

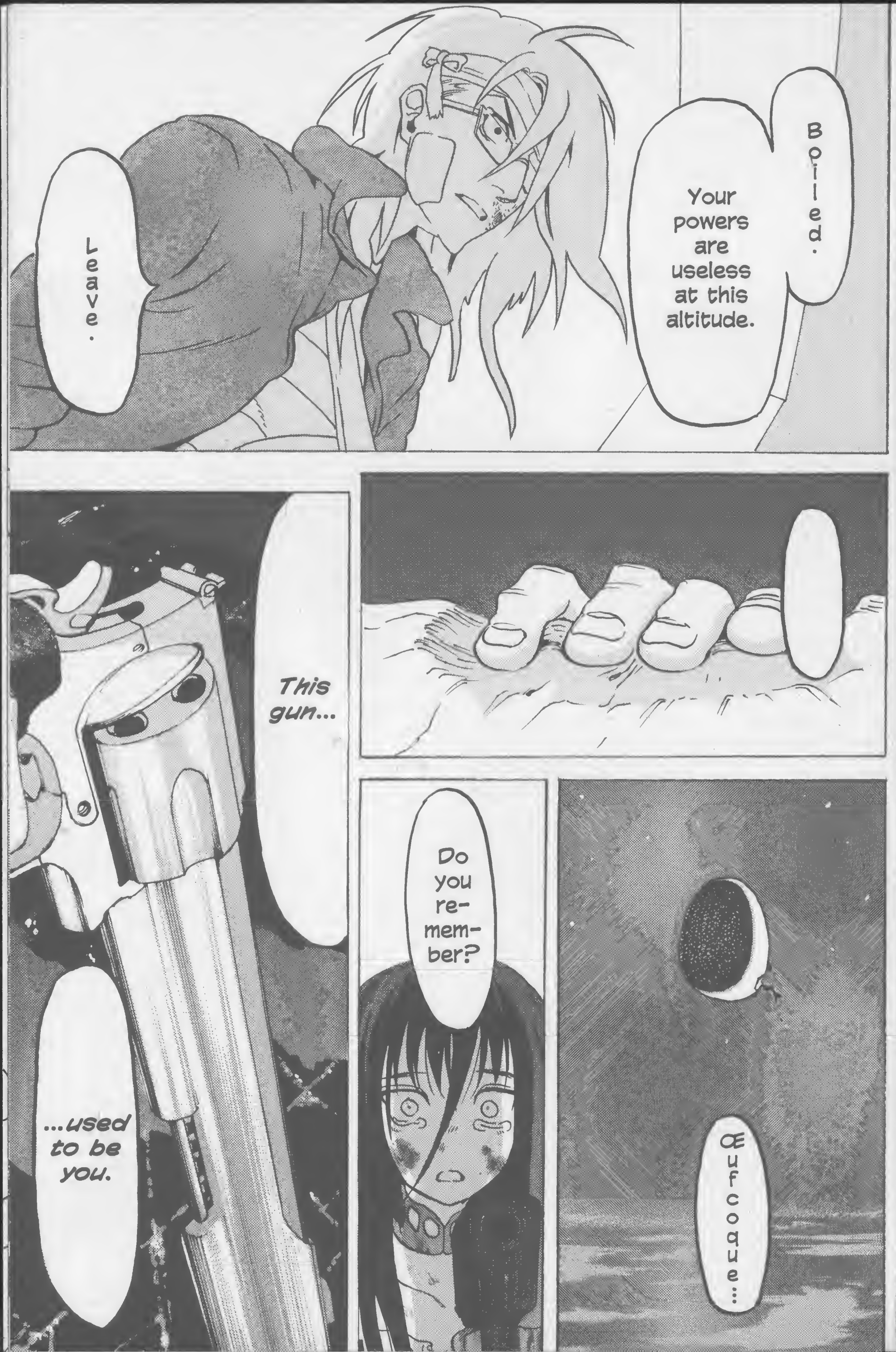

Get away from here.
I don't want to shoot you.
TMP
TMP
TMP

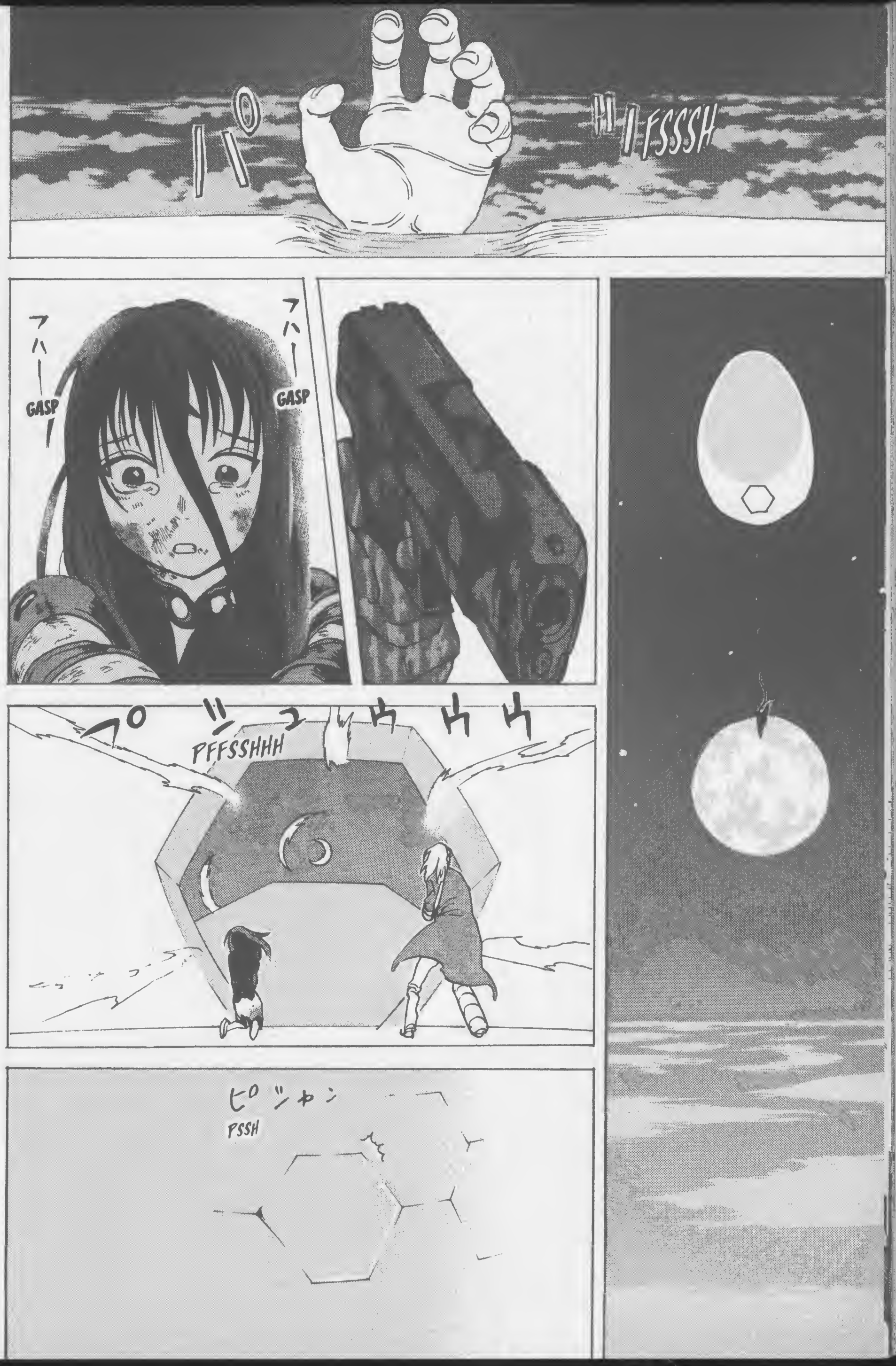

Boiled!
ガガ RAT TAT TAT TAT TAT
ガガ
ガガ
TMP
TMP
パチュ POP
パチュ POP
パチュ POP
Shit!! Floating shield!
ガガ TAT TAT

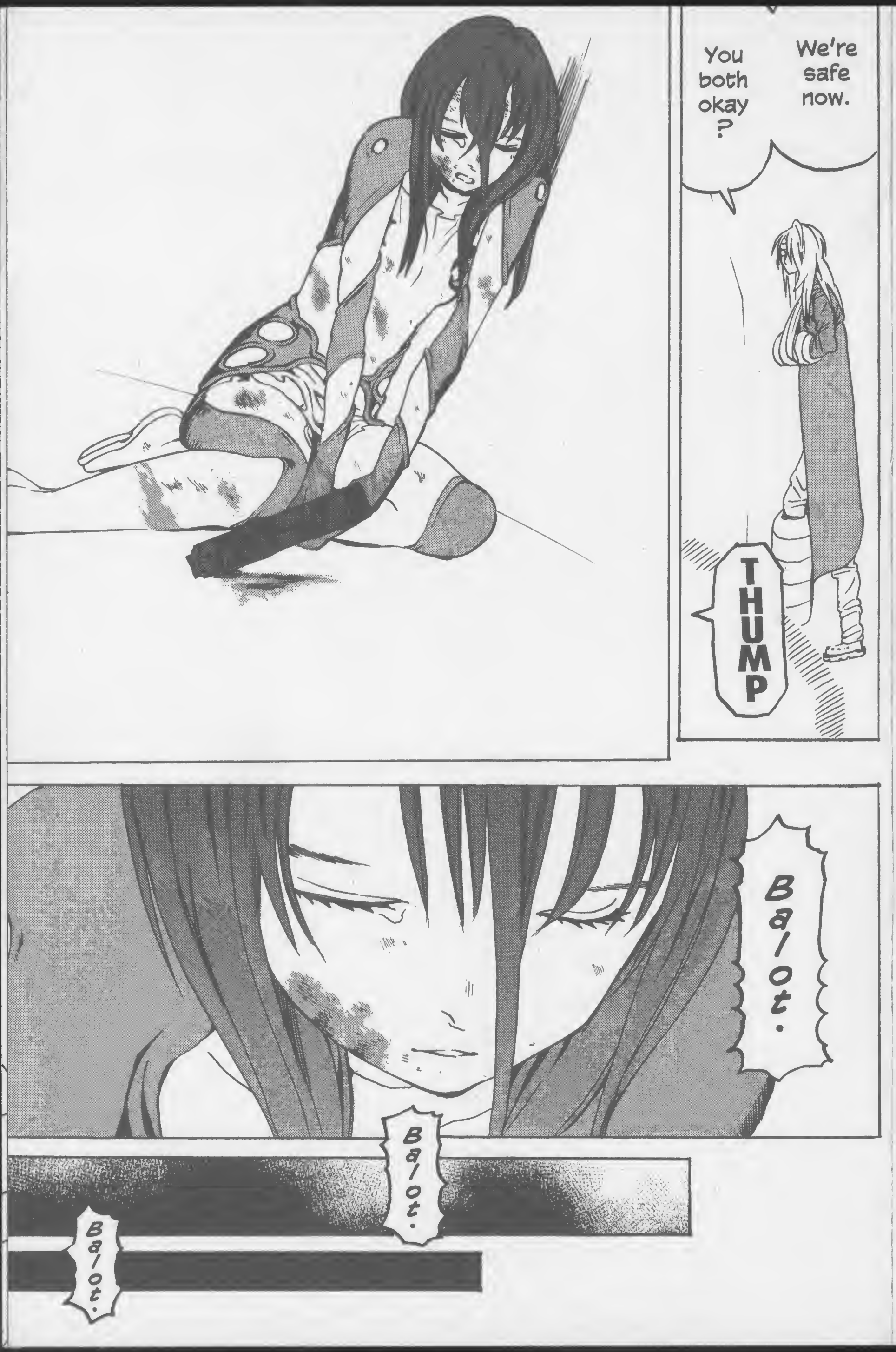

Oww...
ドーン BOOOM
TMP
TMP
カチャ CLICK
!!


CLICK
RAT TATTATTAT TAT
ドドド
ドッ
ジュゥゥゥ
FSSHH
It...
...hit him...
ギッ
GLARE
タタタタ
RAT TAT TAT TAT TAT
タタタ
タタタ


ヒュ
オッ
FWOOOSH
ゴオーッ
ROOOOAR


Boiled.
Your powers are useless at this altitude.
Leave.
This gun...
Œufcoque...
Do you remember?
...used to be you.

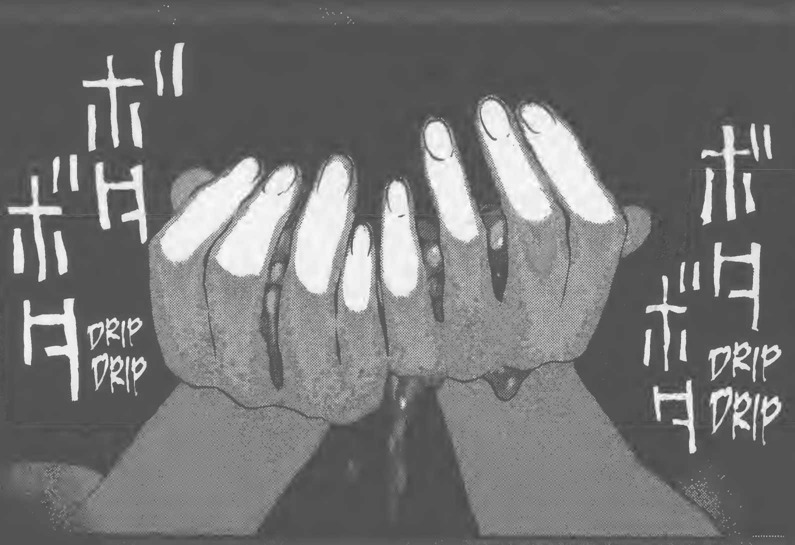

FSSSH
フハー
GASP
フハー
GASP
PFFSSHHH
ピシャン
PSSH

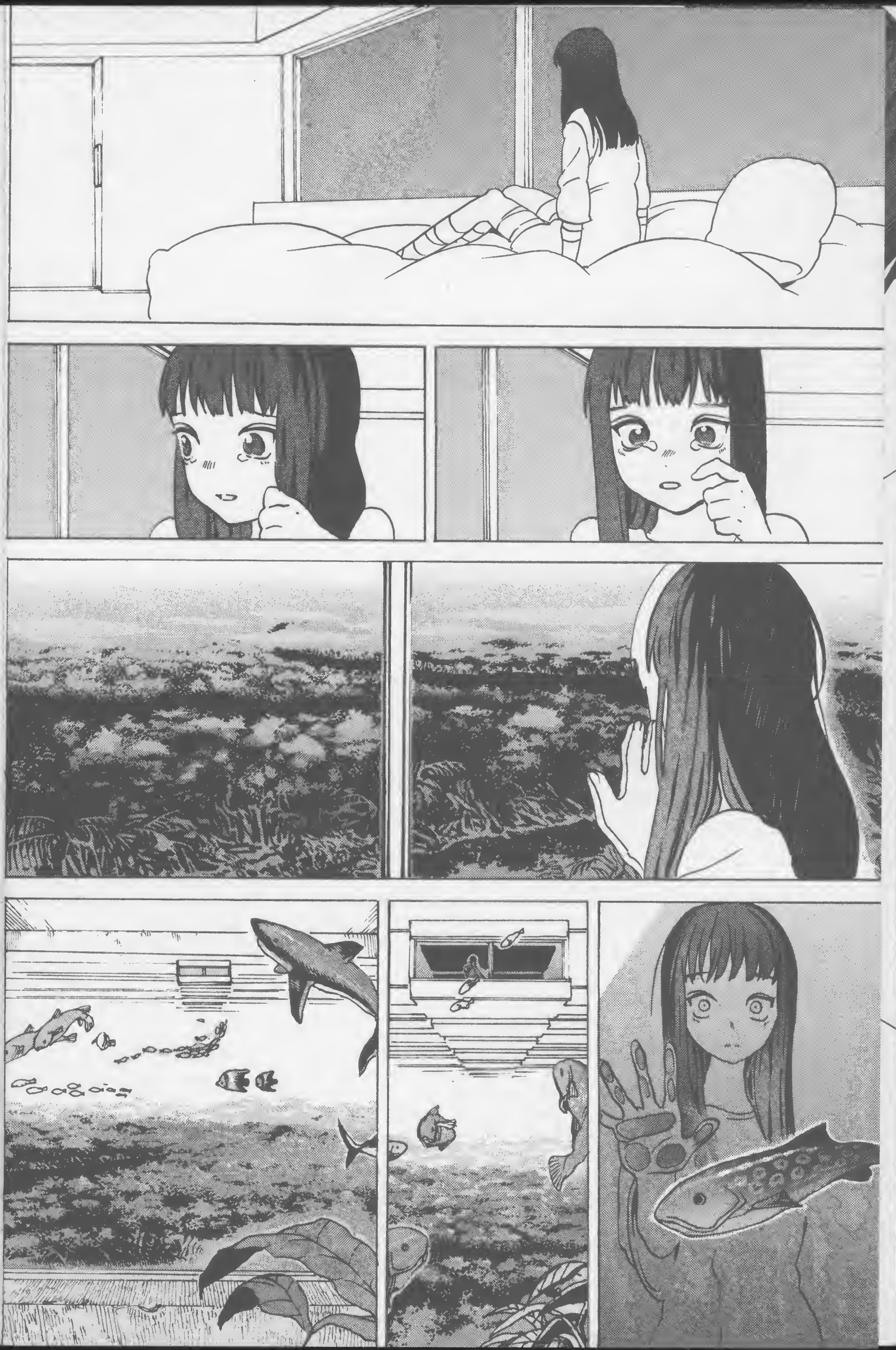

We're safe now.
You both okay?
THUMP
Balot.
Balot.
Balot.

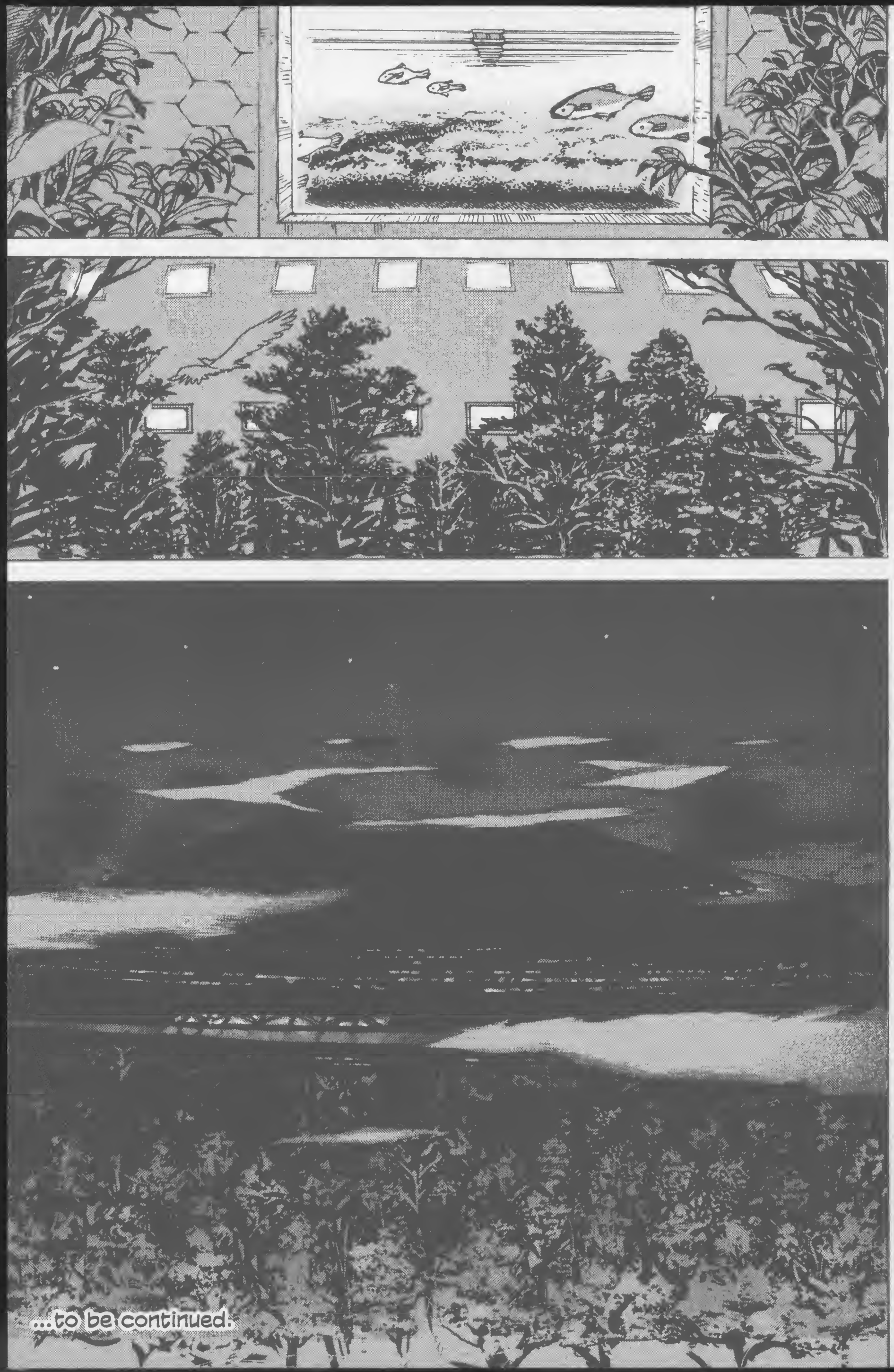
Dishwashing.
Brushing.
Flushing.
Busting.
Rushing.
Trash.
Ash.
Flash.
Fresh.

Finish.

Wish.


ボタボタ
DRIP DRIP
ボタボタ
DRIP DRIP





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